THE WEATHER.

Fair, slightly warmer Friday; Saturday fair, light to moderate southwest to south winds.

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GENERAL BOYCOTT OF GREAT TRUSTS

National League Plans Fight Against Those That Increase Cost.

MEETING IN WASHINGTON

Idea Came From Germany—Organization Non-Political and to Extend Into States—Champ Clark One of Speakers.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Plans for a national boycott of those combinations that increase the cost of living were laid out tonight when the National Anti-trust League was launched. Members of Congress are interested in the new movement and immediate steps will be taken toward perfecting State organizations.

Then when prices soar, league members, by stopping the use of such articles or commodities as have gone above legal level, will pull them back again by refusing to furnish a market.

The plan is one that was tried in Germany a few years ago and which, according to a report, broke up a combine in coffee that had raised the price of the bean to almost prohibitive prices. The meeting was informal and no final organization was effected.

It was agreed, however, that the crusaders should gather under the name of the National Anti-trust League and that the organization should be non-political; that it should be presided over by a president, secretary and treasurer and its movements directed by an advisory council of seven. As soon as Congress reconvenes a permanent organization will be effected.

Among the speakers tonight was Representatives Alexander and Murphy, Missouri; Martin, of South Dakota; Kinkaid, of Nebraska; McKinley, of California, and Morgan of Oklahoma.

One matter was settled tonight, however. The women of the United States will be taken into membership on equal terms with the men and will have equal voice in the campaign. The women, being housekeepers of the country, the pioneers of the plans recognized at once that their assistance was vital to success.

Accordingly, when Congress meets the league will work through the Representatives and in some cases through Senators, with a view to having them interest themselves in the organization of State branches.

JUDGE BYNUM PASSES AWAY.

Former Associate Justice and One of State's Prominent Men.

Charnotte, N. C., Dec. 30.—William Preston Bynum, associate justice of the Supreme Court from 1873 to 1881 and one of the State's most prominent citizens, died here this afternoon at the age of 90.

Since his retirement from the bench Judge Bynum has lived quietly here. He amassed a fortune at his law practice and has given lavishly of his means to the cause of education in the State.

William Preston Bynum was born June 10, 1820, on the plantation of his father, Hampton Bynum, on the Dan river in Stokes county. His education was obtained in the common schools and at Davidson College. He studied law under Chief Justice Pearson and located at Lincolnton for the practice of his profession, his marriage to Miss Anna Eliza Shipp taking place shortly after he entered the bar.

Judge Bynum early became active in public life. At the outbreak of the Civil war, although a staunch Whig, he promptly cast his lot with the Confederacy and was commissioned lieutenant colonel of the Second North Carolina Infantry by the special session of the Legislature that was convened to plan for the long struggle. After the death of his colonel, C. C. Tow, who was killed in battle at Sharpsburg, Va., the command of the regiment developed upon him and he was commissioned colonel by Governor Vance in October, 1862.

During the Winter of '62-63 Colonel Bynum was elected solicitor for the western district of the State, a position that required not only ability but courage under the condition that existed at that time. Colonel Bynum accepted the position and left his regiment to assume his new duties. That he performed the duties of the office well and acceptably is shown from the fact that he served more than a decade.

JOHN A. FOX DIRECTOR.

Succeeds Benjamin Dulaney in Southern Commercial Congress.

Washington, Dec. 30.—John A. Fox, of Arkansas, vice president for that State of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, and a special director of that organization, has been elected by the executive committee of the Southern Commercial Congress as a director at large to fill the place of Benjamin J. Dulaney, of Washington, D. C., resigned.

Regular Interest Period.

At the People's Savings Bank January 1st. Deposits made on or before Monday the 3rd, will bear interest from the 1st. Dec. 31-3t

GOVERNOR ON SHEMWELL CASE

Has No "Official" Complaint, He Says. Five New Charters—Novel Suit Against Seaboard—H. S. Leard to Arrive.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 30.—Governor Kitchin says there is still not a word of protest or evidence filed with him on which he could act officially in any way regarding the reprieve of the prison sentence he recently granted to Baxter Shemwell.

He remarked that able lawyers and others were interested in the prosecution of Shemwell that resulted in the five-months' prison sentence and not one of these, even, has ever in any way made a move in opposition to the reprieve. It could not be expected, he says, for him to take official notice of news reports and editorial comments, but that if there is real ground to warrant such action, there should be definite action by somebody to bring the facts in the case to his attention in an official way.

Early in the new year the farmers' institute work for 1910 under the auspices of the State Board of Agriculture will begin with Mr. T. B. Parker in charge. There will first be a series of institutes throughout Eastern Carolina during the Spring and early Summer, closing in the western section of the State in the late Fall of the year. The State Department is now getting in some of its very best service to the people through these farmers' institutes and through the test farms and special demonstration farms, the latter being just now well under way. Counties in every section of the State are applying for these demonstration farms which are procured by the county commissioners and the cultivation of test crops carried on under the close observation and direction of the State Department experts for the benefit of the farmers of the section.

E. G. Richardson and F. B. Whitney, of Selma, sue the Seaboard Air Line in Wake Superior Court for $5,000 damages each, because the Seaboard failed to furnish the plaintiffs seats on the train from Portsmouth to Raleigh; forcing them to stand several hours, colds being contracted, bodily pain, mental anguish and inconvenience suffered. The Pullman company is included as defendant because of exorbitant charges demanded for berths, $6.95, instead of $2. This is the first suit of its kind ever brought in this State.

The records in the State Department of Insurance show that during the year just closing there were 12 convictions secured in various sections of the State of persons guilty of arson, nearly all of them being fires in which the object was to get insurance fraudulently. Conditions are steadily improving all over the State in the matter of compliance with the State laws for the prevention of fires. A detailed report of the operations of the department in this connection is to be issued very soon.

Five new corporations were chartered today, Durham, Winston-Salem, Fayetteville and Vanceboro being the respective headquarters. The corporations follow: Barbee-Sharp Produce Co., Winston-Salem, capital $100,000 authorized and $1,000 subscribed by C. W. Barbee, C. L. Sharp and Clement Manly. The Durham Typewriter Exchange Co., capital $25,000 authorized and $2,500 subscribed by F. M. Dillon, J. E. Johnson and others. The Cooper Lumber Co., Fayetteville, capital $25,000 by W. J. Roberson, C. J. Cooper and others. The Vanceboro Supply Co., capital $25,000 by B. R. Warren and others for mercantile business. The Thomas-White Co., Durham, changes its name to The Thomas-Howard Co.

Mr. H. S. Leard is expected here New Year's Day to take up his duties as Division Passenger Agent at Raleigh, this office being created through the abolition of the positions of district passenger agents for Virginia and North Carolina, positions held by Mr. Leard at Richmond, and Mr. C. H. Gattis at Raleigh. Mr. Gattis going now to the Georgia & Florida Railroad as general passenger agent, headquarters at Augusta. Mr. Leard lived in Raleigh quite a while and is very popular here.

BIG FIRE AT PORTSMOUTH.

Block of Business Houses Burned Entailing Loss of $125,000.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 30.—Fire originating from an overheated office stove destroyed the O. L. Williams' block of business houses at South and Crawford streets, Portsmouth, today with a loss of $125,000, partially covered by insurance.

Portsmouth market and armory were only saved by shifting winds. Eight or ten horses were cremated. The places burned were O. L. Williams Livery stables, where the fire started; J. H. Branch's hay and grain store; Whit Wilkins, commission merchant; Clark's restaurant; J. H. Howard's saloon, and Woodward's restaurant. The undertaking vehicles of Snelling, King & Cooper were destroyed.

FIRE AT FAYETTEVILLE.

Water in Hose Frozen and Laddies Had Hard Fight.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 30.—Two tenement houses of Mr. J. A. Oates, on Ann street, this city, were burned this afternoon. So intense was the cold while the firemen were fighting the fire that water in the nozzles was twice frozen, first being melted by hot water and second by placing the nozzle in the flames. Mr. Oates' loss of $500 was half covered by insurance.

NOTABLE MEETING EDUCATORS ENDS

Election of Officers and Address by Dr. Eliot Features Yesterday.

D. R. JOHNSON IS PRESIDENT

Dr. Eliot Spoke on Immediate Educational Effort—Other Prominent Men Made Addresses—Officers—No Place.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 30.—With the election of officers this afternoon and a notable address from President Emeritus Eliot, of Harvard, this evening, the Southern Educational Association adjourned sine die, the place of the next meeting being left with the executive committee. Chattanooga, Jacksonville, Birmingham and other cities presented invitations.

H. Elmer Bierly, of Knoxville, Tenn. was elected secretary at the Atlanta meeting a year ago for a term of four years and consequently did not stand for re-election this time.

The newly elected officers are: President, D. R. Johnson, of Winthrope College, South Carolina; first vice president, Chancellor J. H. Kirkland, of Vanderbilt University; second vice president, C. F. Glenn, of Birmingham; third vice president, J. R. Grabbe, of Kentucky; treasurer, E. P. Burns, Atlanta, Ga.

The elective directors chosen by the association this morning are: Alabama, C. C. Thacs, Polytechnic Institute; Auburn; Arkansas, J. J. Doyne; Florida, W. M. Holliway; Georgia, J. M. Pound, Atlanta; Kentucky, M. A. Cassidy, Lexington; Louisiana, T. H. Harris; Maryland, F. E. Buckner, Baltimore; Missouri, E. E. Todd; Mississippi, L. H. Whitfield; North Carolina, E. C. Brooks, Trinity College; Oklahoma, E. D. Emerson; South Carolina, N. H. Snyder, president Wofford College; Tennessee, T. P. Bailey; Texas, R. B. Cousins; Virginia, J. L. Jarman; West Virginia, M. P. Shawkey; District of Columbia, D. J. Crosby.

Dr. Charles W. Eliot addressed the association on the subject, "Best Directions for Immediate Educational Effort," and he was followed by President Judson, of the University of Chicago, who made a short talk on agricultural education.

Other speakers of the day were Dr. James H. Dillard, of New Orleans, president of the James' Foundation, whose subject was extension plan for rural schools, and former State Superintendent O. B. Martin, of South Carolina, who talked on the "Boy on the Farm."

EARL PERCY'S DEATH.

Rumor He Was Shot to Death in a Duel—Some Dispute.

Paris, Dec. 30.—Earl Percy (Henry Algernon George) one of the leading conservatives of the British parliament and formerly under secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, died here today in an obscure hotel under circumstances which are of some dispute.

Though pleurisy is given as the cause of death by the Earl's physicians, a story circulating which is given credence in high quarters tells of a dispute with another Englishman and hints of a duel in the outskirts of Paris.

Sir Austin Lee, counsellor of the British Embassy here, denounced the duel story as an invention. Sir Francis Bertie, the British Ambassador, visited the Earl this afternoon and found his condition so alarming that physicians were called and he died a few moments later.

Despite assurance to the contrary the rumor continues to circulate that the Earl was shot through the lungs by his opponent and died of his wounds. It is said the two men left England with the intention of meeting on the outskirts of Paris.

The hotel people say Earl Percy arrived in apparent good health last week.

ROCKEFELLER WINS SUIT.

Supreme Court Upholds Action of Lower Court in Libel Suit.

New York, Dec. 30.—The argument that a corporation, having no soul cannot commit a crime was set aside today by the appellate division of the Supreme Court which upheld the action of the lower court in imposing $500 fine against the Star Company, publishers of the New York American for libeling John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

In defending the suit Clarence J. Shearn had argued that a corporation "having neither soul, conscience, mind nor feel, is incapable of entertaining a mischievous and malicious intent, which is an essential element in criminal libel.

The court held today that "it was once thought that a corporation could not commit a crime but by slow degrees and following upon the extension of the practice of organizing corporations for the purpose of avoiding the penalties of alleged acts, the courts have reached a different conclusion."

The libel reaffirmed today was published in December, 1908, and stated that Mr. Rockefeller had originated a system of peonage in a stockade at the plant of the Corn Product Refining Company at Summit, Ill.

PASSENGER LINER DISABLED

Southern Pacific Liner Excelsior is Adrift Off Carolina Coast—Vessel Beyond Control—Steamer Nina in Distress.

Beaufort, N. C., Dec. 30—The Southern Pacific Line passenger steamer Excelsior, Capt. Birney, which sailed from New York Wednesday for New Orleans, is drifting about 40 miles north of Diamond Lightship, showing two black balls, the signal that she is not under control.

Word of the predicament of the Excelsior reached here late today in a message received at the naval wireless station. It probably came from the Excelsior herself or a passing steamer having wireless apparatus.

The Excelsior is thought to be in no immediate danger. It is probable that she had some mishap with her machinery and is lying to while her engineers repair the break. In displaying the two black balls from her mast the Excelsior notifies passing vessels to give her wide berth because she cannot control her own movements.

Navy Steamer Nina.

Beaufort, N. C., Dec. 30.—An unknown steamer appeared at the Beaufort bar today showing her colors at half mast and union down, signifying that she was in distress. The Fort Macon Life Saving Station crew immediately put off to the vessel to ascertain if they could render any assistance.

The vessel turned out to be the United States navy steamer Nina, the tender of the submarine torpedo boat Octopus and in command of Chief Boatswain John F. Crognan, bound from Charleston for the Norfolk navy yard. The life saving crew when they reached the Nina, were informed that she had put in to anchor for the night on account of the severe weather. The Nina is going North to convoy to Charleston the submarine Octopus now at Portsmouth navy yard.

MRS. TAFT THE OWNER

Philadelphia National League Baseball Grounds—Wife of C. P. Taft.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Annie Sinton Taft, sister-in-law of President Taft and the wife of Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati, is the new owner of the Philadelphia National League baseball grounds. The deed and lease for the property were filed in City Hall late this afternoon and show that Mrs. Taft and not her husband, has the title to the grounds.

John I. Rogers and A. J. Reach, the former owners of the grounds, transferred title this afternoon. Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago National League Club, represented the purchaser who was announced as Charles P. Taft. The price paid was $250,000. The Philadelphia National League Baseball Club is given a lease on the grounds for 99 years with the privilege of buying the plot at the expiration of 20 years.

SALVATION ARMY TRIAL

General Booth Granted New Trial in Effort to Oust American Army.

New York, Dec. 30.—General William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, was granted a new trial today in his effort to oust the American Salvation Army. The original suit, brought in 1907 went against General Booth, who had asked for a permanent injunction forbidding the American Army to use the Manual and Ritual of the Salvation Army and directing the members of the American Army to surrender their uniforms and titles and retire to private life. The Supreme Court dimissed the petition and the appellate division now reverses the Supreme Court.

The American Salvation Army was incorporated in Pennsylvania by James W. Duffin as commander in 1896.

OUTLINES.

The terrific cold wave prevailed throughout the entire South yesterday including even the orange belt of Southern Florida; it was the coldest day in the month of December the South has ever experienced——The Southern Pacific Liner Excelsior was reported by wireless to Beaufort yesterday in a disabled condition off the coast and unable to control herself: the vessel is believed to be in no immediate danger——President Diaz yesterday advised Dictator Zelaya to stop expressing his opinions and for the first time he refused to be interviewed——Attorney General Wickersham yesterday presented the brief in the tobacco trust cases to the United States Supreme Court——Judge Bynum, former associate justice of the State Supreme Court, and a prominent citizen of the State, passed away yesterday at Charlotte——Mexico has in no way recognized Jose Madriz as president of Nicaragua——A business block was burned yesterday at Portsmouth, Va., entailing a loss of $125,000.

New York markets: Money on call strong and higher 4 1-2 to 7 per cent., ruling rate 6, closing bid 4 1-2, offered at 4 1-2; cotton spot closed quiet 20 points higher, middling uplands 16.15, middling gulf 16.40; flour quiet; wheat spot firm No. 2 red 1.27 1-2 elevator, domestic and 1.27 f. o. b. nominal to arrive; corn spot firm No. 2 71 elevator, 71 1-2 delivered and 69 1-4 f. o. b. afloat nominal; oats spot steady, mixed 47; rosin and turpentine steady.

Monday, January 3rd.

All deposits made with The People's Savings Bank on or before Monday, January 3rd, will bear interest from January 1st, receiving credit for Three Months Interest April 1st.

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SEVERE WEATHER IN WHOLE SOUTH

Freezing Temperature in Florida as Result of The Cold Wave.

CAUSES MUCH SUFFERING

Two Deaths Resulted at Birmingham, Ala., Yesterday—Coldest Day in December Ever Experienced—Near Zero at Asheville.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30.—A terrific cold wave gripped the entire South today not even the orange belt of Southern Florida being exempted from the freezing temperature. This morning the mercury ranged from 2 degrees above zero at Asheville, N. C., to 32 degrees at El Paso, Texas, with 20 above registered at Jacksonville, Fla., and 28 at Tampa. A few Texas points and the extreme southern portion of the Florida peninsula alone escaped the freezing blast.

This, according to the local weather bureau was the coldest day of the coldest December the South has ever experienced. At 8 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered 10 degrees above in Atlanta and for 20 days past freezing weather has been experienced. The long duration of cold has prevailed over the greater portion of the South and there has been much suffering among the poor people, especially the negroes in cities where coal is used as fuel.

Two Froze to Death.

At Birmingham, Ala. where the minimum was 12 degrees above zero this morning, two negroes were frozen to death and near Decatur, Ala., with the thermometer hovering around five above zero, a family of six were rescued this morning more dead than alive, with one of the children expected to die as a result of exposure to the cold.

For the first time since 1886 there was ice today in the Chattahoochee river at Atlanta, similar conditions prevailing in the rivers of Tennessee, North Alabama and the western part of North Carolina.

Oranges Were Frozen.

While it is believed that no serious damage has been done the Florida orange crop, Fernandina reports that oranges were frozen in that section and from other parts of Florida come reports that fires in the groves were resorted to last night to protect the trees.

Cotton planters of the far southwest hail with delight the severe cold, believing that millions of the boll weevil have been destroyed and further spread of this insect to new territory retarded.

Freezing temperatures will continue tonight over most of the Southern States, according to the local forecaster followed by warmer weather to morrow.

The present cold snap has been accompanied by little snow in the South and yesterday and today there was practically no rainfall reported from any of the Southern States. The wind, however, has been strong.

Death and Suffering.

Pittsburg, Dec. 30.—With the thermometer registering zero and at some places from three to seven degrees below that point, western Pennsylvania tonight is in the grasp of a bitterly cold blizzard accompanied by snow flurries and high winds.

From the outlying and mountain districts reports of deaths and suffering due to exposure to the elements are coming in. In Greater Pittsburg alone seven deaths have been reported to the coroner.

At Irwin, Pa., the temperature registered was the coldest December 30th in ten years, the thermometer dropping to two degrees below zero. Electric lines interurban to and from Irwin have been discontinued. At Connellsville, John Wallace, a laborer, was severely frozen last night as a result of exposure. Mrs. Lena Keepers also is in a Connellsville Hospital suffering from frozen feet and ears.

All trains from the East are from one to three hours late entering Pittsburg. Mails are tied up. Gas shortage is reported eevrywhere, several mills of the Jones-Laughlin steel plant closing today on account of the shortage and throwing 300 men out of work.

During today the charity institutions were swamped by calls for assistance. The municipal and county authorities last night and today cared for 1,000 persons.

The advisability of establishing coffee and soup kitchens was brought up today by the mayor's cabinet. A rise in temperature is promised for tomorrom.

Ohio River Frozen.

The intense cold weather tonight effectively checked the flood which yesterday and during last night menaced Pittsburg and points south of here on the Ohio river. The Ohio river is frozen solidly for its entire length between here and Cincinnati. The cold weather, however, is playing havoc with river men and their work.

A thousand coal miners are thrown out of work at Beaver on account of the freezing of the river there.

Loss to shippers and packet line operators will total close to half a mil-

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THE TOBACCO TRUST CASES

Presented by Attorney General to the Supreme Court—Unlawful Conspiracy—"Brush-whacking" Methods.

Washington, Dec. 30.—In a printed brief filed today Attorney General Wickersham and his special assistant, [illegible], today presented to the Supreme Court of the United States the cause of the government in the famous tobacco trust cases which will be argued next week in that court.

The cases were tried in the United States Circuit Court in the nine district of New York, which, after dismissing the petition as to foreign tobacco companies and some of the subordinate American companies, adjudged the others to be parties to an unlawful conspiracy and enjoined them from continuing their operations and from engaging in interstate commerce.

The Attorney General takes the position that these findings, sweeping as they seem to have been, were not broad enough, and he asks the Supreme Court to extend them as to so widen their scope as to take in the foreign companies and some individuals who were relieved from the operation of the verdict. After showing that in 1890 competition was free the various coalitions are traced in the documents and facts are given to show that the combination has grown until its combined assets amount to $400,000,000. It is asserted that the combination manufactures al of the cigarettes for export and almost three-fourths of the smoking tobacco and of the cigarettes for domestic sale, more than three-fourths of the plug, twist, and fine cut tobacco, and almost all of the snuff and little cigars that are made. It is declared that the "defendants have persistently exercised duress, have practiced wicket and unfair methods and used their great power in oppressive ways."

Further, it is asserted that they have been actuated by a fixed purpose to destroy competition and obtain monopolies. "Competitors have gradually disappeared and the combination now strongly entrenched, unduly restricts the business of those in the trade and prevents others from entering."

Putting aside, for the time, the effect of the Sherman anti-trust law, under which the suit was brought, it is contended that the combination under the name of the American Tobacco Company was illegal when it was entered into in 1890 because it was contrary to common law.

Action of Jobbers.

Coming to specific instances relative to the operations of the trust, it is declared that substantially all established jobbers in New England were induced to throw out independent products, as were those of Philadelphia, New York and many other specified places.

It is also asserted that "bushwhacking" methods were resorted to in the use of the union labels and the method in this proceeding is denounced as "iniquitous" and such as is inhibited by a civilized conscience. Indeed, it is declared that "the record contains much evidence and a vast deal of correspondence concerning the operations of these bushwhacking companies which disclose amazing depravity and shows with clearness how these sinister agencies were effectively utilized."

The advertising methods of the trust are referred to as a means of influencing both business and sentiment, and it is said that not less than ten million dollars were expended in this way in 1906.

"Competition has been persistently destroyed; scores of contracts have retired skilled men from the trade; many have been forced out; and the necessary result of the plan long followed has been to give defendants power to exclude others and exercise monopoly", says the Attorney General.

He seems inclined to the view that a receiver should be appointed for the business of the parties to the combination and he adds:

"The very existence of certain defendants is criminal and certainly they cannot rightfully complain because restrained from carrying out the unlawful purposes of their creation; they are wilfully in positions where every act is a transgression."

SOUTHERN GIRL'S DESIGN

Accepted For Memorial to the Women of the Confederacy.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30.—A Southern girl will have the honor of designing the memorial to her sex which will be erected in all the Southern States by the veterans of the Confederacy in honor of the women who suffered during the days of 1861-65.

A design submitted by Miss Belle Kinney, of Nashville, Tenn., was chosen by the committee of veterans representing twelve of the 13 Southern States who met here yesterday and bronze shafts will be cast and erected as soon as the necessary funds are available.

The memorial will show a group of three figures "fame" sitting in the center, with a dying Confederate soldier and a weeping woman on either side.

The central figure will be eight feet in height and the other two seven. The statue will be eight feet by five and a half feet at the base.

Miss Kinney was awarded the prize after 80 designs submitted to the committee had been carefully inspected. She already has won considerable fame for her design for the Carmack statue to be erected at Columbia, Tenn., and a group of twenty igorrotes figures placed in the Chicago museum.

ZELAYA AT LAST REFUSES TO TALK

Advised by President Diaz to Refrain From Expressing Opinions.

LEAVES FOR BELGIUM SOON

Has Been Receiving Many Newspaper Correspondents—Says He Will Keep Mexico Out of Controversy.

Mexico City, Dec. 30.—That President Diaz today gave Jose Santos Zelaya a little friendly advice in regard to the talking to newspaper representatives, and whispered in his ear that it would be wise for him to refrain from too freely expressing his opinions was admitted by Zelaya's secretary tonight, when he returned a card to a newspaper man with the remark that the ex-dictator of Nicaragua had just adopted a policy of refusing to be interviewed and would have nothing more to say for publication for a period of six days.

Just why six days was named he would not explain. Zelaya called on the chief executive of Mexico today. Up to that time he received every newspaper man who called at the hotel. After the meeting it was as if a very wide gulf had opened between him and the correspondents. In refusing to see one reporter, Zelaya through his secretary told him that he wished to avoid being the means of bringing Mexico into the controversy in any way and if he (Zelaya) further discussed matters his statements might be misconstrued with such a result.

Zelaya's visit at the National Palace lasted a half hour. The meeting was devoid of official character and Zelaya was received as a private citizen.

It is believed that after Zelaya tendered his thanks for the kindness of President Diaz in allowing him asylum on the Mexican gun boat, affairs in general in Central America were discussed at length.

Zelaya was occupied the greater part of today in driving about the capital to various points of interest including Chapultepec Castle the Summer home of President Diaz.

To a friend today the Nicaraguan visitor said that after he had been in Mexico for two or three months he would go to Belgium and at Brussels personally superintentend the education of his children.

When he was receiving his earlier education Zelaya spent much of his time in Belgium where he attended school.

Has Not Recognized Madriz.

Managua, Dec. 30.—The Mexican government has in no way officially recognized Jose Madriz as president of Nicaragua. The telegrams which have passed between President Diaz and president Madriz were of a personal character. President Madriz himself does not construe them as a formal recognition of his incumbency. The Presidential reception on Tuesday was attended by the official representatives of all nations except the United States and the Nicaraguan administration does not see why formal official recognition from any country except the United States is necessary.

A delegation from Granada today visited General Baca and pledged support. Santos Ramirez, director general of telegraphs, who was arrested recently on the charge of having sent unauthorized orders to the Zelayan army, has made strong denial but has not yet been released from custody.

Congress today conferred authority upon the executive to abolish the tobacco and alcohol monopolies, indemnifying private stockholders for the loss of their holdings, which now become the property of the State. The revenues from these monopolies, which netted as high as 14 per cent. monthly are to be used for the payment of the interest on the English loan, which went towards the enrichment of the relatives and friends of Zelaya. This action which is the forerunner of the abolition of all monopolies was received with tremendous enthusiasm. The sitting was tempestuous throughout. Deputy Luciano Gomez, a Zelaya adherent, who opposed the project, was hooted even more vehemently than he was yesterday when he spoke in opposition to the authorization of further war taxes. There were cries of "bandit," "outlaw!" "Disgorge."

Gomez finally lost his temper and hurled a glass of water in the face of a tormentor in the public gallery. Guards were called in and ejected all but the deputies.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Andrew Carnegie on the strength of a dispatch from the United States published here, quoting him as ready to donate $20,000,000 to assure peace in Central America.

In the district court today a motion was made to annul a promissory note of $60,000 in favor of Zelaya on the ground that he obtained it under threats. A number of similar actions are in preparation.

The State Department.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The situation in Nicaragua presents some diplomatic niceties in relation to the propriety of recognizing the government of Madriz by the Central American States. In the opinion of officials of the State Department, President Madriz should receive no recognition on the part of

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Rumors that Admiral Kimball would be reprimanded for having called upon Madriz at Managua were denied by Assistant Secretary of State Wilson. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Winthope characterized the rumors as being absolutely without foundation.

Admiral Kimball, according to the officials made no report of his call upon Madriz, although he announced to Washington his intention to inspect conditions at Managua.

THE STEWART CASE.

Petition for Renewal of Executor Decided—Bond is Required.

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 30.—News is received by the Observer here this afternoon that the clerk of the Superior Court of Harnett county has handed down an opinion in the case of the application of Mrs. W. A. Stewart, asking for the removal of H. C. McNeill as executors of her husband's estate, which was recently awarded large damages from the Atlantic Coast Line. The case was heard upon affidavits of both the petitioner and respondent, who were represented by counsel. After reciting the finding of facts the courts holds upon the findings of fact that "said H. C. McNeill, executor on account of his carelessness and negligence, together with his financial condition, is not a proper man to be intrusted with the management of this estate as executor," and it is "therefore considered and adjudged by the court that the said H. C. McNeill be and he is hereby required to file a justified bond as required by law in the sum of $50,000 to be conditioned that he will faithfully execute his duties as said executor as required by law, the said executor to have 30 days in which to file said bond." Both sides take an appeal from this decision.

APPEAL MADE TO TAFT.

Asked to Intervene in the Switchmen's Strike—Mayor's Telegram.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 30.—Mayor James C. Haynes has asked President Taft to intervene in the switchmen's strike. The mayor today sent the President this message:

"The continuation of the switchmen's strike on railways in this section is highly injurious, not only to the interested parties, but also to the general public.

"Much loss and suffering have already occurred and this will be greatly increased unless an early settlement is effected.

"I trust that you will lend your official influence toward such settlement."

Similar telegrams went to Martin Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission and United States Commissioner of Labor Neill.

Mayor Haynes decided to send these messages after a conference with labor leaders.

"President Taft will meet H. B. Perham, chairman of the Railway Department of the American Federation of Labor; Chairman Knapp, and Commissioner Neill in Washington tomorrow."

TO ROME AND GENOA.

The Forthcoming Trip of the Knights of Columbus.

New York, Dec. 30.—The leading lights in the Knights of Columbus, the best known Catholic organization in the country, are making elaborate preparations for the coming trip of hundreds of members of the organization to Rome and Genoa, the birth-place of Christopher Columbus.

Headquarters have been opened in the Metropolitan building in this city where information will be distributed to prospective pilgrims in anll parts of the country.

Under the present arrangements the trip will begin at the close of the next national convention to be held in Quebec, August 2, 1910.

Daniel Colwell, Dr. C. O'Connor and William M. Geary, the original incorporators of the order, and Rev. P. J. McGivney, brother of the founder of the organization, are giving the movement their hearty support.

The Right Rev. J. J. Keane, Bishop of Cheyenne, Wyoming, will be the spiritual director of the pilgrims and will present them to Pope Pius X.

Arrangements are under way to enable the delegates to visit Oberammergau, where they will witness the performance of the Passion Play.

HALLMAN TO FAYETTEVILLE.

National Commision Passed on Baseball Squabble Yesterday.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 30.—The National Baseball Commission today decided the appeal of the Portsmouth, Va., club from the decision of the National Association regarding Player Hallman, recently awarded to the Fayetteville Club, of the Eastern Carolina League.

The decision says: "The question involved is entirely as to what minor league club has title to a minor league player. The Commission is of the opinion that this is an internal affair of the National Association and therefore not subject to appeal from the findings of that body."

THE FISHERS BOUND OVER.

Preliminary Trials Completed Yesterday at Jacksonville, N. C.

(By Long Distance Telephone.)

Jacksonville, N. C., Dec. 30.—The preliminary trials of the Fishers and their step-father, J. B. Fisher, was completed here today, as the result of which C. Arthur and P. B. Fisher were committed to jail in default of $750 justified bond. A. B. Fisher, another of the brothers, was released, being completely exonerated, the evidence being that he himself was the victim of the operation of some of the other brothers. Bond for J. B. Fisher was fixed at $300 and this will probably be given.

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SULLIVAN ON SPORTS.

Situation in the United States—Urges Harmony in Athletics.

New York, Dec. 30.—Harmony out of discord, more compact organization out of disruption, a new National and inter-National birth for sport, is what James E. Sullivan, former president of the A. A. U. believes the future holds in store for sport in general.

"These controversies," he said today, referring to the breach between East and West in Golf, tennis, skating and some of the lesser departments of National sport, "are much to be regretted, but mark this: they will all result in a cleaner and broader basis for athletics in this country."

Although the Winter has seen already more dissensions than in several years it is Mr. Sullivan's firm belief that the present sectional divisions of sport will constantly broaden toward the National idea. And one necessity to effect this growth, he holds, is a supreme court of appeals in all sports.

"There are three or four millions of people in organized athletics of all sorts in this country," said Mr. Sullivan, "and the center of that athletic population is constantly moving westward. Thirty years ago it was concentrated in and around New York but we have been forced time after time, to acknowledge that the West is rapidly effecting a balance in the country's athletic interests.

"The A. A. U. this year held its National championship in Seattle; in the coming year they will be held in New Orleans."

"These concessions came naturally and have resulted in general benefit to sport."

Mr. Sullivan was not only optimistic for American sports, but was confident that the inter-National idea is to develop rather than to recede.

"We must have and shall have some day," he said, "an inter-National board of full control with international rules and regulations."

BROKAW TRIAL NEARING END.

Only a Question of Alimony is Belief—Brokaw Inherited Millions.

New York, Dec. 30.—In the estimation of those who have closely followed the case the Brokaw separation suit has simmered down today to a question of the alimony to be awarded Mrs. Brokaw. The attitude assumed by W. Gould Brokaw's attorneys in court just before the close of the proceedings was generally interpreted as indicating that they considered themselves beaten on their case, and were concentrating their energies on a fight to keep the alimony award down to what their client considers a reasonable figure.

The presentation on Saturday night of the statement of Mr. Brokaw's financial position which the court has ordered is expected to determine this point. Should, however, the statement fail to show an income approximating the estimates of Mrs. Brokaw's attorneys they are likely to cross-examine Mr. Brokaw closely in an analysis of the figures. The defendant inherited $4,250,000 from his father four years ago and while it is conceded that inroads have been made in the estate, Mrs. Brokaw's lawyers contend that her husband is amply able to pay $60,000 yearly alimony which she demands.

THE LAMPHERE CASE.

Died in Michigan City Penitentiary, Last Night of Tuberculosis.

Laporte, Ind., Dec. 30.—Ray Lamphere, 38 years old, slayer of Mrs. Belle Gunness and her children, died tonight of tuberculosis in the Michigan City penitentiary where he was serving an indeterminate term for arson. Lamphere on April 28th, 1908, set fire to the Gunness home near Laporte and incinerated the family. He had formerly been employed by Mrs. Gunness. Following the fire the bodies of several persons, who had been murdered by Mrs. Gunness, were unearthed in the farm yard. Lamphere was convicted of burning the house and sentenced on November 26, 1908, to serve from two to 14 years in prison. Lamphere always contended that he was innocent of the arson. It was shown, however, that Lamphere probably was cognizant of some of Mrs. Gunness' crimes and that he was angered at her.

Shortly after Lamphere entered the penitentiary he developed tuberculosis.

WILL NOT GO TO PRISON

Charles W. Morse Held Pending Argument on His Application.

New York Dec. 30.—Pending argument on his application for writ of error, Charles W. Morse, the convicted banker, will not be sent to a Federal prison to begin his 15 years sentence. After Judge Hough, in the United States Circuit Court, had denied Morse plea for a new trial on the ground that his trial jury had been laxley guarded, his attorney Martin W. Littleton, appealed to Judge LaCombe, of the United States Court of Appeals for a writ of error, which would take the case to the United States Supreme Court for review. Judge Lacombe may hear arguments on this motion tomorrow or on Monday the application for the writ acting in the mean time as a stay of execution.

EFFECT OF COLD WAVE.

Fruit in Florida Will Not SEuffer is Prediction.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 30.—At a late hour tonight General Manager Myron E. Gillette, of the Florida Citrus Exchange, who is in Tampa reported that the damage to South Florida from the present cold wave is confined entirely to tender plants and that the fruit will not suffer at all unless the present cold spell is followed by additional cold weather as was the case in the big freeze of 1894.

Afayal, Dec. 30.—Nine of the crew of the Portugese bark Fortuna were drowned in the storms which have been ravaging the Atlantic in the past ten days. She was bound from New Orleans to Oporto and was towed into this port today totally dismasted, her deck load washed away and half of her crew lost.

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GOVERNMENT BY COMMISSION.

Railroad Vice President Doesn't Like Delegation of Powers.

New York, Dec. 30.—Government by commission must have had red ears today if it was listening to the proceedings of the American Historical and the American Economic Associations in the Chamber of Commerce. The subject under discussion was the physical valuation of public service industries and both W. H. Williams, vice president of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad, and Frederick W. Whitridge, receiver of the Third Avenue Railway, took strong stands in their addresses before the delegates against present tendencies both in National and State legislation.

Mr. Whitridge contended that any physical valuation made today of his property rights might be worthless tomorrow "unless science were chained."

"Otherwise," he said, "after the public service commission has got everything comfortably and irrevocably valued, some invention may come along and upset the whole official edifice by revolutionizing the business."

Mr. Williams argued against the system of accounts promulgated by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"The Commission", he said, "requires the carriers to pay out of earnings many items which should be capitalized. Charging these items to expenses correspondingly reduces net returns and impairs ability to pay a fair wage to employes and a reasonable return to the investor.

NO BLAME FOR ACCIDENT

Approved Action of Board of Inquiry Into Battleship Collision.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Approval was today given by officials of the Navy Department to the report of the board of inquiry into collision of the battleships Georgia and Nebraska off the Virginia capes during the recent tactical drill, which recommended that no disciplinary measures be taken as a result of the accident.

The board held that the signal given to the battleships was subject reasonably to two interpretations and as this happened none of the officers were to blame for an error of judgment.

One of the results of the collision has been a modification of the relations so as to prevent another misinterpretation of this particular signal.

Unable to fix the responsibility for the propeller of the collier Vestal, cutting a gash in the side of the battleship Georgia while recently in Hampton Roads, a board of inquiry has recommended that no further action in the case be taken. This recommendation has been approved.

It was shown in the testimony that the Georgia careened just before being struck, and thus her injury was received below the armor line.

AMBASSADOR BRYCE SPEAKER.

Addressed Student Volunteer Movement in Rochester Yesterday.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Ambassador James Bryce was the chief speaker at the night session of the convention of the Student Volunteer Movement in convention hall.

Ambassador Bryce characterized the present time as a critical and also auspicious one for Christianity. There had been such progress in recent years, he said, that today nine-tenths of the habitable earth was under the control of the so-called Christian powers "and though vast multitudes remain non Christian, there is scarcely a spot in which the influence of the white race is not felt."

Ambassador Bryce spoke of the harm done among unchristian peoples by "members of the Christian nations who disregard the teaching of their religion" and described the present age among English-speaking people as unprecedented in its power to draw men to the pursuit of wealth and enjoyment.

The address closed with an exhortation to lives lived "in the true gospel spirit" whether at home or in foreign fields.

INVESTIGATE STOCK SALES.

Governors of Exchange Hear Report on Rock Island Common.

New York, Dec. 30.—A brief session of the governors of the stock exchange was held this afternoon to receive the report of the committee of three appointed to enquire into the circumstances attending the purchases and sales of Rock Island common on Monday morning when the stock advance amid much excitement from 50 5-8 to 81 and suddenly receded again.

The special committee has taken the testimony of a number of brokers, has examined the books of various members and has also listened to complaints from outsiders, who were more or less affected by Rock Island's gyrations.

The committee's findings were submitted to the governors and the subject matter of the report will be acted on by the governing committee on January 12th, 1910.

Although the strictest reserve is being maintained by the committee and the governors, it is generally believed that the closing of the "Rock Island incident" will be accompanied by disciplinary measures.

WILL RETURN ALMA KELLNER.

Kidnappers Demand a Ransom of $5,000—Disappeared Dec. 8th.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 30.—A letter was received today from some town in Ohio promising the return of little Alma Kellner to her parents on payment of $5,000 ransom. This is all the information the family will give out.

The girl disappeared December 8th and the demand for ransom received today, although it may not be genuine, brought with it the first real hope for her recovery.

Frank Fehr, millionaire brewer and cousin to Frederick Kellner, father of Alma, is going to Chicago tonight and although he said positively his trip had nothing to do with possible negotiations with kidnappers of the Kellner girl, it is believed he is going to Chicago or elsewhere on such a mission.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 30.—Rev. Father Francis A. Schmitz, for many years active and prominent in Catholic mission work in North and South Carolina, but for seven years chaplain of St. Vincent's Hospital, in Norfolk, died at that institution today following a lingering illness. Father Schmitz a native of Germany, was 62 years of age.

FLEET TO CUBAN WATERS.

Battleships Go to Guantanama Bay For Battle Manoeuvres.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The final details in the arrangements for the departure of the battleship fleet for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, have been completed by the Navy Department. The fleet will continue its battle manoeuvres in Cuban waters until about May 1st when it will start north. Plans for the movement of the fleet during the Summer have not been completed.

The battleships Connecticut, Kansas, Vermont, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Nebraska, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Wisconsin and Missouri now at New York city will sail on January 6th. The Ohio and Mississippi now at Philadelphia will leave there on January 5th so as to join the vessels from New York off the Delaware capes. The Louisiana, Georgia and Virginia will remain at the Norfolk, Va., navy yard until the repairs are completed and they will then proceed to Guantanamo Bay. The main portion of the fleet should arrive at the Winter drill grounds on January 11th or 12th.

GOV. CREEL GRATIFIED.

Special Envoy to the United States in the Nicaraguan Affair.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Governor Enrique Creel, of Chihuahua, and special envoy from Mexico to the United States in the Nicaraguan affair today gave out an authorized statement regarding his present mission to this country.

Governor Creel declared that he had accomplished his task with gratifying results. The resignation of Zelaya and succession of President Madriz had ended many difficulties and prevented anarchy, he declared.

The granting of asylum to Zelaya by Mexico said Governor Creel was in no sense an act of unfriendliness to the United States.

STANDARD OIL APPEAL.

Will be Docketed in United States Supreme Court Monday—Importance.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The appeal of the Standard Oil Company from decision of the Circuit Court of the District of Missouri in dissolving the corporation under the anti-trust law, will be docketed in the United States Supreme Court Monday.

In view of the great importance of the issues involved a motion will be made on behalf of the government at that time or on the Monday following to advance the case for hearing, which motion, it is expected will have the concurrence of the attorneys for the company. Counsel are hopeful that the court will set the case for hearing early in March.

PRIZE FIGHTERS DISAGREE.

"Battling" Nelson Will Not Fight Wolgast Unless He Comes to Terms.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 30.—"Battling" Nelson, light weight champion pugilist, said today that if Wolgast will not fight him before Hester's club in San Francisco there will be no fight.

Taking issue with Wolgast's expressed fear that a 45-round fight could not be held in San Francisco, Nelson said: "I have assurances from Hester that he has secured permission to hold a long battle in 'Frisco and I'll take his word for it."

ADOPTED PROHIBITION LAWS.

Regular City Ordinances at Bilmingham—Will Release Many.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 30.—By unanimous vote the city council of Birmingham has adopted the State-wide prohibition laws as regular city ordinances.

Heretofore the city acted with the State laws, but a decision of the Supreme Court knocked out all convictions. Many men working on the city chain gang will have to be released from arrest.

SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

Sixty-First Session Ended Yesterday. Officers Were Named.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 30.—Although there will be a short general session tomorrow morning the American Association for the Advancement of Science practically ended its 61st meeting tonight, the general committee electing officers and selecting St. Paul and Minneapolis as the cities in which the association shall meet next December.

These officers were elected: President A. A. Michaelson, University of Chicago; permanent secretary, L. A. Howard, Smithsonian Institution; general secretary, F. E. Clements, of Minnesota; secretary of the council, J. Zeleny, University of Minnesota.

WARM WIRELETS.

One woman has died of worry and another is a nervous wreck in a sanitarium as a result of the disclosure of a defalcation in the treasury of the Daughters of the American Revolution several weeks ago in Washington, D. C. Both women who were clerks were innocent, but feared they might be suspected.

London, Dec. 30.—A Vienna special to the London Standard says that 23 Croatan peasants, including 17 young women, were drowned in a boating accident near Karlowitz, in Austria Hungary on Christmas Day.

Baltimore, Dec. 30.—At the end of a 15-round bout before the Eureka Athletic Club tonight, Joe Sieger, of Denver, was given the decision over Soldier Burns, of Baltimore.

Four men were killed by an explosion of dynamite in the powder room at the Ollie Bell mine at Mineral Point, Wis., Tuesday. The men placed the dynamite too close to a stove and the heat caused the explosion.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Homer C. Davenport, cartoonist, is seriously ill at the home of a friend in San Francisco. He is suffering from a complete nervous collapse and his physician regards his condition as critical.

Hos. Mackeley, aged 33, who killed 18-year-old Caroline Hunt, and shot her parents, Stephen Hunt and wife, of Toledo, Ohio, Monday night, was captured Tuesday by police at an obscure hotel near the business section where he occupied a room.

Regular Interest Period.

At the People's Savings Bank January 1st. Deposits made on or before Monday the 3rd, will bear interest from the 1st.

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NO STRIKE ON BIG FOUR.

Telegraphers and Railroad Have an Agreement—Terms Named.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 30.—A compromise has been reached between the telegraphers of the Big Four Railroad and the management of the system, and all immediate danger of a strike has been removed. This is the outcome of a conference held today between the telegraphers' committee and General Manager VanWinkle, of the railroad.

The basis of the agreement rests on an arrangement for an investigation of all stations on the system and an increase of pay at such points where increased work is shown. The original demand of the operators was for a uniform 20 per cent. raise.

THE N. & S. PROPERTY.

Argument Heard in Proposed Bill of Intervention Yesterday.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 30.—The U. S. Circuit Court heard arguments why the proposed bill of intervention submitted by the VanDyke-Sell Syndicate should not be filed and the delivery of the Norfolk & Southern Railway to the purchasers postponed, until a further hearing. The bill seeks to prevent the transfer of the railroad to the purchasers, who recently paid $3,500,000 for it, owing to an alleged agreement made in New York in January, 1909. This contract of agreement is alleged to have been made for the purpose of purchase and reorganization.

VICTORS AT CHESS TOURNEY.

Pennsylvania the Winner at Inter-Collegiate Contest in New York.

New York, Dec. 30.—Pennsylvaina won the 11th annual chess tourney today between two students each from Brown, Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania took the one necessary game from Brown. Cornell won two games in the final round.

The final score: Pennsylvania won 6 1-2, lost 1 1-2; Cornell won 5 1-2, lost 2 1-2; Brown won none, lost 8. Pennsylvania takes the championship and the trophy donated by Professor Isaac L. Rice, of this city.

GAYNOR NAMES SECRETARY.

Robert Adamson Receives First Appointment of Mayor-Elect.

New York, Dec. 30.—Mayor-elect Gaynor announced tonight that he will appoint Robert Adamson, a newspaper man to the place of mayor's secretary, with a salary of $6,000 a year. This is the first appointment announced thus far by the incoming mayor.

Mr. Adamson is 37 years old and was born in Georgia. He has been city editor of the Atlanta Constitution and in this city has worked on the Evening Sun, the Brooklyn Eagle, and the New York Morning World.

SOUTHERN TRAIN DERAILED.

Occurred Yesterday at Burlington—No Persons Injured.

Burlington, N. C., Dec. 30.—Train No. 139 on the Southern Railway was derailed from an unknown cause while making a switch here today. The locomotive turned over and the baggage and mail cars were derailed. No one was injured. None of the coaches or sleepers left the track.

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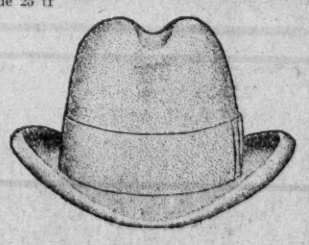

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Delgado Sunday School	222	Miss Rosa May Furlong	353
Y. M. C. A.	1,040	Miss Lillian Bannerman	2,652
Miss Thelma Fillyaw	785	Brotherhood Railway Clerks.	359
Major Johnson	206	Miss Lydia Davis	240
Miss Fenley, for Hospital	209	Miss Lillian Vaughn	261
Mrs. C. Williams	2,502	W. E. Jays	221
St. John's Sunday School	2,686	Miss Mallie Houston	977
Miss Viola East	311	Fenley Bros.	1,649
D. Hendricks	217	Naval Reserves	206
First Presbyterian S. S.	207		

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THE STATE IN EPITOME

¶News, Comment and Incidents as Reflected in North Carolina. : : : : : : : : : :

An Uncle Worth Owning.

Monroe Journal: Mrs. S. J. Welsh lately received from her uncle in Ireland, Mr. William McCarten, as a Christmas present, a check for 100 pounds sterling, $480 in American money.

Treated For Cat Bite.

Monroe Journal: Mr. G. H. Meares, whose little daughter was bitten by a mad cat two weeks ago, returned from Raleigh one day last week, and reports that the Pasteur treatment, which requires twenty-one days, is being administered. Mr. and Mrs. Meares will remain in Raleigh during the time.

Dr. Knapp Lecturing.

Greensboro News: Dr. S. A. Knapp, of the United States Department of Agriculture, in charge of the Farmers' Co-operative Farm Demonstration Work, at points along the Southern Railway, is delivering a series of addresses. It has been arranged with Dr. Knapp to address a meeting of the North Carolina farmers at Charlotte at 2:30 P. M. Tuesday, January 11th. This meeting will be devoted entirely to North Carolina matters. This meeting will be the most important of a set of meetings that has been held in the South for a long period, and it is most earnestly hoped that there will be a liberal attendance of agricultural interests, as there is no man in the country better qualified to discuss agricultural matters than Dr. Knapp.

UNION COUNTY ELOPEMENT.

Carries Wife to Father-in-Law's and Runs Off With Younger Daughter.

(Monroe Journal.)

About dark Christmas evening, Ben Hunter, who, some years ago married Mr. Hilliard Belk's daughter in Buford township, drove to Mr. Belk's house, left his wife and two children ,and drove off, saying he was going to his father's in South Carolina to spend Christmas. During the night Miss Bright Belk, a daughter of Mr. Belk, between the age of 15 and 16 years, was missed from her room, and investigation disclosed the fact that Hunter had returned, secured the girl, come to Monroe, and taken the 11 o'clock train to Atlanta. Mr. Belk did not make the latter part of the discovery till next day when he came to Monroe. He was so shocked and confused on first suspecting that the two had gone off together that he scarcely knew where to turn or what to do, and consequently didn't get searchers on their track till after they had reached Atlanta. Chief of Police Laney was informed Sunday after noon and at once wired to Atlanta but it was too late, as they reached there at 8 o'clock Sunday morning. Capt. W. A. Lane was in charge of the train Saturday night and though he knew nothing of the couple their behavior attracted his attention all along the way to Atlanta. Hunter has lately been in trouble over horse trades, and not long ago severely cut Mr. T. L. Davis of Waxhaw. He lately moved from South Carolina to Buford township, near Mr. Belk's. He came to Monroe Saturday, sold his buggy and mule, and hired a buggy, in which he returned home, carried his wife and children to her father's and brought the girl to Monroe. He is about 30 years old and told various parties that he was going to Oklahoma.

Mr. Belk is doing all in his power to arrest the two. It is needless to say that Mr. Belk and family, who are people held in high esteem by their neighbors, and against whom there has never been a word of any kind, and the deserted wife, have the sympathy of all in their trouble.

TO HELP "UNC'" MILES.

Ancient Newbern Negro Finds a Friend In His Hard Luck.

The Newbern Sun prints the following communication, containing a check for five dollars, from a winter resident who was touched by the misfortune of the old negro of whom he writes feelingly:

"For the last two months an aged 'ole time negro,' Miles Sheppard by name, well known to many Newbernians for his industry and respectability, has been working upon a shanty, about eight by sixteen feet, in which to pass the remaining years of his life. It was located in James City on the river bank a few rods from the end of the county bridge. Most of the material had been given to him and he needed nothing to render it tenantable save a roll of tarred roofing-paper which he was in a fair way to obtain. One night last week fire broke out in another house and poor old Shepard's humble little dwelling, together with all his tools, fishing tackle, gun, etc., were totally destroyed.

"During the past six months the old man has been, and now is, occupying a sort of a shed attached to the rear of an old house owned by George Eubanks of this city, situated on South Front street near the end of the Trent river bridge. Here he sleeps, eats his scanty meals and keeps his few belongings in the way of clothing and furniture.

"Everybody speaks well of Miles Shepard. In manner and language, he is invariably gentle and respectful, and is now and then "trusted" by the merchants, with whom he deals, for small purchases—which he always pays for. Moreover, at the age of 82 he is not a mendicant nor a charge upon the county, but supports himself by his own efforts. He now has nothing wherewith to make a living, and it seems to me that he is just the sort of man who should be helped in the hour of misfortune.

"Therefore, though I am merely a winter visitor in Newbern and have known Shepard only three years, I venture to call the attention of charitable people to his case and to bespeak for him, in any form or manner, the assistance of which I have reason to believe him thoroughly deserving."

The Little Store will be open until 1 P. M. on New Years Day. 2t

BIG DRY GOODS THEFT.

Wilson Merchandise Recovered in Rocky Mount—Small Wreck.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 30.—A dry goods larceny of unusually large proportions was recently unearthed in Wilson and since that time the police have been at the task of finding the goods. Shortly before Christmas Mr. Allen T. Gay, a merchant of Wilson who makes a specialty of handling fine dress goods for ladies, had a young clerk and it was alleged that the young man made way with goods to the amount of about $500 or $600. After the loss the young man was arrested but the police have been puzzled as to where the articles stolen went to. On Tuesday night Policeman J. C. Robbins, of Rocky Mount, got a trail, and putting two little facts together and knowing of the robbery he had a suspicion that the goods were here and he notified the Wilson losers of what he knew. With persons who might identify the goods, and armed with a search warrant the officer went to a house in the red light district and told the proprietress that if she did not want any trouble in court for her to give up the goods as there was reason to believe that they were stolen. The woman readily waived all claim to them saying that they were given to her as a Christmas present from this man. The goods to the amount of nearly $500 were identified and returned and a veritable ladies' furnishing store is made consisting of coat suits, dresses, waists, shoes, silk hose, dress goods, ribbons, laces, furs and various and sundry other articles.

A pile-up of freight cars occurred at Kingsboro, a small station five miles north of this city on the Norfolk division this morning shortly before 8 o'clock when a northbound freight in charge of Conductor Schweckert suffered a broken brake beam, derailing six cars and turning two entirely over. The wrecking crew from South Rocky mount was on the scene shortly after 9 o'clock and had the track cleared before noon. All the cars were loaded. No one was hurt.

GENEROUS DAY AT HIGH POINT.

Christmas Celebrated by Looking After Poor.

(High Point Enterprise.)

High Point opened a liberal hand on Christmas and therefore got more real enjoyment out of the season than we ever received at any previous year. In the aggregate the donations must have footed up to as much as $1,000, given to those who were unable to provide for themselves and their families.

Out of the systematic plan inaugurated two weeks ago when a meeting was held at the Manufacturers Club, more than $200 was raised. The ladies took the matter in hand and looked up the needy ones. On Friday afternoon some of the young men of the city took charge of the baskets for the ladies and delivered them in person, each young man being assigned a ward. The provision made was not only adequate, but bounteous, and if there was a family in High Point that did not have a good Christmas dinner as well as other things, no one knew of it. We believe that all were provided for, and those who took part in it were the happier from it.

The hearts of many children were made happy on Christmas day at the Elks' Christmas tree, at the Eagle theatre ,when over 160 packages were given to as many children. The young men engaged in this work enjoyed it and were benefited.

Besides these the Sunday schools provided bountifully and there were many private donations.

"BOB" RANSOM AS SCHOOL MAN.

Superintendent of Nash School Talks of Progress.

(Charlotte Chronicle.)

Mr. Robert E. Ransom, of Spring Hope, Nash county, has been spending a few days in the city with relatives and friends. Mr. Ransom was formerly a teacher in the Dilworth graded school, and was later engaged in newspaper work, being on the local staff of the Charlotte Observer for some time. Mr. Ransom is at present editor of the Spring Hope Leader and superintendent of education for Nash county.

Mr. Ransom talks enthusiastically of the home county of his adoption. "We have fifteen special school tax districts in the county, and two more coming with the next few weeks," he declared. "We can build good sand clay roads down there for $300 a mile and two townships, of which Spring Hope and Nashville are the centers, have voted bonds for road improvements. The land in that section is the most fertile and most easily tilled in North Carolina and Nash is growing in wealth and progressiveness at a rate that is most gratifying."

MOREHEAD WANTS MORE.

Indications Are That Republican Congressman Will Run Again.

(High Point Enterprise.)

It seems to be remored upon good authority that Congressman Morehead ,who is serving his first term in Congress as Representative from the Fifth District ,has decided to make the race for the second term. Sometime ago it was generally understood that he would not make the race for the second term, but it seems that his friends have persuaded him to stand for re-nomination. And it is also said that he has become so infatuated with Washington life that he will make the race.

The fight in this district will likely lie between Dr .Geo. A. Mebane and Mr. Morehead, as the chances are that Dr. Mebane will be nominated by the Democrats in the Fifth District.

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect Thursday, September 30th 1909.

TO BEACH.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 6:50, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 7:10 and 8:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00 4:30 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10 and 8:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Lumina at 7:45, 9:15, and 10:45 A. M., 12:15 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:50 and 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Lumina at 9:45 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:25, 6:50, 7:50 and 9:15 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 6:50, 8:00, 8:30 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 6:20, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M. 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 6:35, 8:00 9:25 10:25 and 11:25 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:35, 7:00 8:00, 9:25, 10:25 and 11:25 P. M.

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Lv Petersburg	10:25 a.m.	10:20 p.m.
Lv Durham	1:00 a.m.	5:30 p.m.
Lv Lynchburg	2:30 p.m.	2:13 a.m.
Ar Cincinnati	7:30 a.m.	7:20 p.m.
Ar Columbus	6:45 a.m.	7:45 p.m.
Ar Chicago	5:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.
Ar St Louis	7:28 p.m.	8:30 a.m.

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No. 45—4:50 A. M.—For Hamlet, and Charlotte, connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and points North.

No. 39—3:20 P. M.—For Hamlet, connecting with through trains for Atlanta, Charlotte, Birmingham, Jacksonville, Norfolk, New York and trains in all directions.

Trains Arrive at Wilmington

No. 40—1:15 P. M.—From Hamlet.

No. 44—12:20 A. M.—From Charlotte and Hamlet.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for all points North at Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis and Charlotte, with No. 84 and No. 92 for Washington and New York and Portsmouth, Norfolk and No. 43 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

Parlor Car Service will be maintained between Wilmington and Hamlet on No. 39 leaving Wilmington at 3:20 P. M., and No. 40 arriving at Wilmington at 1:15 P. M.

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NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48. Daily.	No. 42. Daily
Lv. Wilmington	8:45 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:00 pm	9:56 pm
Ar. Wilson	1:00 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	2:09 am
Ar. Norfolk	8:55 pm	*8:35 am
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	4:05 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	4:40 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	8:00 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:20 am	9:16 am
Ar. W. Philadelphia	3:40 am	11:35 pm
Ar. New York	6:30 am	2:00 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41. Daily.	No. 49. Daily.
Lv. New York	3:25 pm	9:25 pm
Lv. W. Philadelphia	5:44 pm	12:10 am
Lv. Baltimore	8:20 pm	2:46 am
Lv. Washington	10:00 pm	4:20 am
Lv. Norfolk	3:20 pm	8:25 am
Lv. Richmond	1:20 am	8:15 am
Lv. Petersburg	1:55 am	9:13 am
Lv. Weldon	3:40 am	11:35 am
Lv. Rocky Mount	5:06 am	12:50 pm
Lv. Wilson	5:49 am	2:09 pm
Lv. Goldsboro	6:35 am	3:05 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9:30 am	6:10 pm

WEST AND SOUTH.

	51.	55	via Wilson. 42
Lv. Wilmington	6:00 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Florence	9:25 am	7:25 pm	4:01 am
Ar. Columbia	1:00 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar. Augusta	3:00 pm		
Ar. Atlanta	8:20 pm		
Ar. Nashville	6:30 am		
Ar. Memphis	3:30 pm		
Ar. Louisville	1:10 pm		
Ar. Con'ti	4:35 pm		
Ar. Charleston	1:15 pm	11:20 pm	7:05 am
Ar Savannah	3:55 pm	2:20 am	9:30 am
Ar. Jacksonville	8:15 pm	7:15 am	1:30 pm
Ar. Tampa	7:00 am	7:00 pm	10:25 pm

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Lv. Tampa	9:00 pm	10:30 am
Lv. Jacksonville	7:50 am	7:45 pm
Lv. Savannah	11:55 am	12:15 am
Lv. Charleston	4:25 pm	5:10 am
Lv. Columbia	4:25 pm	6:00 am
Lv. Augusta	2:45 pm	
Lv. Florence	8:03 pm	9:25 am
Ar. Wilmington	11:30 pm	1:25 pm

WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

Westbound. 53 Daily.		Eastbound. 52 Daily.
8:40 AM	Lv. Wilmington Ar.	5:05 PM
11:45 AM	Ar. Fayetteville Lv.	4:50 PM
12:10 PM	Lv. Fayetteville Ar.	4:45 PM
1:40 PM	Ar. Sanford Lv.	3:30 PM

WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

Northbound. 62		Southbound. 63 Daily except Sunday.
1:25 PM	Lv. Wilmington Ar.	12:50 PM
5:17 PM	Ar. Jacksonville Lv.	10:55 AM
6:44 PM	Ar. N. & S. Jct. Lv.	9:33 AM
6:50 PM	Ar. Newbern Lv.	9:30 AM

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AN IRONIC TRAGEDY.

There is the irony of fate, and to spare, in the following Lexington dispatch to the News and Observer:

"Lorenzo D. Surratt, aged 20 years, son of W. L. D. Surratt, farmer of Healing Springs township, this county, was killed by No. 44, northbound passenger, three miles north of Lexington, this morning at 8:30. He had been visiting friends here, and was late at the station. The train was just pulling out when he rushed to it and caught at a door of a Pullman and for three miles clung for life to the rapidly moving train, in one of the coldest winds of the season. The door was locked and none saw him; finally numbed by the cold he fell and his skull was smashed, blood, brains and bone being scattered for many feet up the track. The body fell between the double tracks, and when No. 11 came by soon after, the crew saw the lifeless form and reported to the Lexington station on arrival."

One can picture the agony of soul undergone by this young man, exposed to the fury of a blizzard on an open platform, as he felt his powers gradually leaving him and realized his utter helplessness, with warmth and succor just beyond a bolted door. It is sadder to contemplate that the suffering, as well as the death, might have been avoided by only the slightest and most cursory bit of observation of his surroundings. On the panel at the side of every Pullman door there is an unobtrusive button connected with the bell register in the porter's compartment. A touch of that button, and help would have come, almost instantly. On such a day, the ringing of that particular number would have been, of itself, an alarm. Yet he did not know, and he did not look! Here was one place where a cool head, an application of methodical effort in the face of apparently hopeless circumstances, would have been brilliantly, if simply, successful. The button stared him in the face, and he would not see it! Doubtless with bleeding hands he pounded at a deaf door, while the rattle of the train and the roar of the storm drowned and blew into nothingness his feeble efforts to attract attention.

Everything has its lesson. Observe a rat in a trap. How it goes from wire to wire, up and down, here and there, and unceasingly, looking for deliverance. It is a hard corner that does not have an outlet. Once cornered, it is left only to fight, or hold on, as the case may be. But, till the final moment, the normal man will keep his head, use his eyes, and refuse to believe the worst until he has proven by his death that there is no better.

THE LOVE OF THE BROKAWS.

Waiting for something authoritative about the Brokaws, we find it at last in the High Point Enterprise, which says:

"We were inclined to be on Mrs. Brokaw's side until Mr. Brokaw testified that his wife bumped his head against the door so hard that he was knocked out for five minutes. Now, if a man is so tied up that his wife is able at any time to knock him out the poor fellow should be protected. Maybe if the court would put Mrs. Brokaw under a peace bond it might help matters some. But aside from all this and speaking seriously, we believe Brokaw and his wife love each other, but they are too much like children in their quarrels."

High Point knows all about the Brokaws by reason of the fact that it was near that place that their hunting lodge was situate. From time to time the hunting lodge and the Brokaws have given High Point a kind of effective, if undesirable, advertisement through newspaper date lines. When The Enterprise says, therefore, that they love each other, we must take it that it speaks of its own knowledge and observation. They are peculiar, though, to say the least, in their latest manifestations of affection. And as for children and their quarrels, who ever saw a boy and girl quarrel that could not be patched up in a week, even though its inception was marked by the blackening of the universe and the utter despair of further hope in a blighted life?

Governor Kitchin says that he will do nothing about Shemwell until he hears a "formal protest." The Governor might with profit to himself realize the compliment implied when no one took the trouble to oppose the petition in the Shemwell case, together with the fact that his refusal to recognize what all the State knows will operate to render such a display of confidence a future impossibility

"LABOR" AND POLITICS.

Copying a recent editorial in the Star, which commented upon its statement that Labor, in voting for the party responsible for the trusts, might as well, "Till they learn where the true trouble lies * * * be sucking their fingers", the Monroe Journal claims that the Star, in deprecating an invitation to organized labor to come in a body to the Democratic party, missed the point of its remarks. The Journal says:

"Our very entertaining contemporary did not catch the point that The Journal was arguing. We did not argue directly or indirectly that labor organizations should march into the Democratic party. We did not argue the question of organized labor's right to demand a closed shop. We did not argue for the destruction of trusts. We object to these narrowing constructions put upon our position, but at some future day may have the pleasure of breaking a lance with out brilliant contemporary, if in fact, we find ourselves in disagreement with him on these points.

"What we were calling attention to was the utter futility of labor to accomplish anything against trusts while voting for the party—any party—that is willing to make laws to suit them."

Exactly what the Journal did say was this:

"What is labor ever going to do in its own behalf as long as it votes for men and parties whose chief ambition is to serve the trusts? Mr. Gompers, the labor leader, tells his followers to resolve against the trust, and tomorrow they would all vote for the party and men that make the trust possible and who stand for its continuance. Till they learn where the real trouble lies, they'd as well be sucking their fingers."

This is certainly a criticism of the labor unions for voting the Republican ticket, and, as we said, by inference, looked like an argument that they ought rather to desert that party for the Democrats. What we resented about that programme was not that labor unionists were invited out of the Republican party, but that it was suggested that they leave it on the ground that it rendered their demands, as labor organizations, impossible of fulfilment. We said then, and believe now, that if the Democracy should get the solid labor vote upon any such suggestion of terms as that, the reaction would be sufficient to kill the party finally, notwithstanding its well known and ever-remarkable tenacity of life. Of course the ideal political situation would be for the labor unionists to divide their votes like other citizens, and not by insistence upon class voting make their support embarrassing to any party that does not, like the Republicans, make them vote its ticket either by bribery or by threats. The tendency of the labor unions under the control of Gompers toward the worst form of monopoly seems to us fraught with danger to the country at large; to put them solidly into politics to attain their ends is merely to add another element to an existing menace.

We believe that the Monroe Journal is, as it intimates, of our way of thinking on these points, and merely wish to defend the drawing of what we still consider a plausible, if not inevitable, inference from what is said on the former occasion.

MAKING A TOWN "LOOK BIG."

Few people fully appreciate the asset that a city has in a live, progressive and representative paper. Such a journal is the dress in which the city makes its appearance in the society of the world. It is, so to speak, its visiting card. By the character and tone of the paper is largely estimated by outside people the character and tone of the city that supports it. In rare instances it happens that the noise, vulgarity, and unfairness of a paper may give a good town a black eye; more often it happens that the town puts a better foot forward through its newspaper than it could otherwise show. All this is suggested by the following in the Charleston News and Courier:

"Speaking to one of his friends the other days about Charleston and its prospects a wise man from Pennsylvania, who has been keeping a close watch on things in this community, said in the true spirt of the season, referring to the editor of the News and Courier: 'That blankety blank fellow has actually made the people of this country believe that Charleston is as big a place as Philadelphia."

What the man from Philadelphia said was strictly true. No paper in the country better carries the air of solidity combined with progressiveness. No metropolitan journal is better edited ,and few are so consistently sane and thoughtful. The News and Courier is an old institution in good repair. Having both dignity and style, it presents daily a most attractive conception not so much of what Charleston is, as what it ought to be

The point is, that no matter what the industry and ability of the paper it needs the town behind it . It is true that it repays ten fold to the town all the support it gets from it, but save in exceptional circumstances the good paper can do no more than attractively represent the spirit of the city which supports it . The other sort can sometimes get a support by which it is enabled to misrepresent its own home, but these are few and, lacking in the power to do good, lack in a measure complimentary to the intellect of the people the power to do harm.

COUNTRY NOT "PLAYING OUT."

Champ Clark, minority leader of the House, is out in an interview in which he states that high prices of farm products will continue, because the "country is playing out". If the next census, he says, includes as "towns" the unincorporated villages of the country, it will be found that between sixty and sixty-five per cent. of the nation's population is urban, instead of rural. That being the case, he thinks that the consuming and non-producing elements of towns and cities will not only cause the prices of farm products to remain high, but will in twenty years cause the United States to shift from an exporting to an importing nation, so far as agricultural products are concerned.

It would seem that Mr. Clark is wrong in all of these deductions, except, possibly, the statement in chief that farm products will continue to sell for high prices, so long as there is no material retrogression in the condition of prosperity among the consuming elements of the population. High prices for corn, wheat, meats, and other products of agriculture follow, like other things, upon increase in demand. The index of prosperity is the power and the desire to purchase. This is true of the farmer, as well as of the man of the city. The latter sends money to the country for what he considers the necessities of life, considered in the light of the grade of living his success permits him; the former sends to the city to quicken its business activities the money which he considers the profits of his farming justify him in spending on the luxuries and refinements of life. Broader markets and higher prices result from either end of the commercial adjustment. High prices and prosperity mean, in the last analysis, not so much an increase of capital as an easy and optimistic circulation of income.

As to the "country playing out", the high prices will inevitably operate to put agriculture on a business basis, in the first instance, and to automatically, by increase in supply, prevent prices that are high from becoming exorbitant in proportion to the average purchasing capacity of the country at large. The vast possibilities in increased acreage and higher production on account of intensive methods justified by large returns make it certain on the part of agriculture that it will for years continue to feed the nation and leave a surplus with which to help feed the older and more densely poplated foreign governments. A very few years ago there was an overproportion of farmers; today, the growth of the country in connection with the cost of the necessities indicates that, while the agriculturists have increased in number and in production, the drift in occupation has shifted from the farm to the industries. It will now shift again in the direction of the farm. When the farm lands shall have been finally pre-empted, there will appear the necessity for that strict application to the soil that characterizes manufacturing, for instance. And when that happens, the productiveness of the land will, almost at a bound, double, treble, quadruple, or even further multiply itself to meet with ease a vastly increased demand. If American farm lands were to be cultivated with the thoroughness and intensity of those in China or Japan, for instance, their output could feed three hundred, instead of one hundred, millions, and still send forth fleet after fleet burdened with food-stuff for the hungry world.

The country is not "playing out"; on the contrary, it is just now slowly and imperfectly beginning to discover the direction of its future.

Putting on its most benignant air the Fayetteville Index thus prepares to meet the New Year with the following few chaste words: "That the year 1910 may bring you abundant prosperity and happiness; that you may learn how better to serve yourself, your fellow-man and your God; that you may write on the new page the cleanest record of your life, placing there fewest facts to regret in later years and most to remember with joy,"—and then adds "this is the New Year wish of the Index for every one of its 20,000 readers." Of course, as a prohibitionist the Index needs to make none of the usual personal resolutions, but right on the tail of its good wishes had it not better have a care about the "circulation vice?"

It appears that the story about Colonel Gordon having been suspected of complicity in the Lincoln murder was in fact the canard it looked at first blush. Colonel Gordon is just simply one of those brave old ex-Confederates who fought like the Devil, worked like mules, and have kept on being gentlemen through it all, with no imputation of any sort upon either their honor or their courage. The South will be glad and the nation will be better for his being in the Senate.

It turns out that twenty dead marines were found among the dead of the Nicaraguan insurgents. It is now up to Secretary Knox to issue another manifesto against the barbarous execution of American citizens.

A SLOW BUT CERTAIN TIDE.

In a very thoughtful editorial the Columbia State refers to the disappointment met with by the theatrical companies that raced South on the news of 15 cent cotton and to the doubt felt throughout the Fall by city merchants as to the existence of the far-heralded prosperity of the Cotton Belt. While theatrical companies were stranded like leaves in a gully during an October drought, and while the merchants who had with high hopes laid in extra Fall and Winter supplies were discussing wherein lay the gold brick of prosperity, it was a notable fact that the circuses and the numerous State and county fairs were doing an unprecedented business. Analysing these apparently contradictory facts, the State says:

"Yet, there was no puzzle about the situation at all. It just needed an understanding of conditions here, which our merchants should have had. The country was slowly reviving from a condition of panic unusually prolonged, when the harvesting of the crop began. The towns were pretty dry. When scores of theatrical companies came along the people of those towns upon which the theatres depended for support, had not felt the quickening pulse of the cotton prices. The crossroads merchant was the first to get the benefit; it was inevitable that the merchants of the larger towns must wait for the welling tide to reach them. They had their first real practical demonstration of the cash wealth in the State at the opening of the holiday season. Money poured into the big towns then as it has never poured before. And the big towns are throbbing with the new life, and henceforward will experience more and more the purchasing power of the country.

"The theatres, dependent upon the towns, must wait for their share of the prosperity until the flood of prosperity reaches not only the merchants, but the professional men, and is reflected in increased salaries to employes. On the other hand, the circus, drawing patrons directly from the farm, got the first fruits from high priced cotton. The immense amount of money brought into South Carolina by the cotton crop of 1909—more than eighty million dollars—will, for example, have greater effect upon the prosperity of Columbia in the Fall of 1910 than it will have the present Winter. And the next crop will be worth more than $80,000,000 to South Carolina, unless we are greatly mistaken."

This is merely putting in a new and thoughtful guise the old truth that the basis of prosperity is in the prosperity of the country, with the additional, but not so well digested truth, that the thermometer of trade is not at once affected, either way, by the condition of the rural population. That being true, as the pertinent examples cited well show that it is, there is every reason for optimism over the outlook. The revival of business, following the disastrous panic, has been accomplished by commercial forces working from within and not materially aided by the abundance of crops and the range of prices received by the farmers. These facts have had, of course, a strong sentimental value as encouraging that optimism which is necessary to general resumption of industrial activity and financial credit. When, therefore, the full force of the agricultural prosperity shall find its way finally through the currents of trade into the sea of general business, there ought to be a high tide of unprecedented power.

To those who have been hesitating to accept as a concrete fact the conditions of prosperity, which everyone has been preaching and which every decipherable fact amply indicates, the State's sensible analysis should bring hope, courage and cheer.

As a New Year's thought for the South to digest and live up to, it is full of inspiration. It remains only to meet this inflowing tide of energy and capital in the right spirit to place the South within the next few years at a point where even a panic will be impotent to do more than momentarily check the speed of a permanently increasing progress.

Zelaya can still call himself President, and nobody will care.

The Nicaraguan Congress has reached the "hooting" stage. Hoots make poor provender for the men who are fighting in the field.

One curious thing about the Nicaraguan situation is that no one has yet ventured an opinion as to what they are fighting about.

A big man may sometimes be easily led into making a mistake; it is only a little one who will stick to it when made.

Supreme Court Justice Howard, of New York, might have thought twice before he expressed himself as being on such intimate terms of acquaintance with "graft."

"A man will nurse a grievance, but never a baby," says the Charleston News and Courier. Of course not. There is no sustenance in a grievance for one who has to nurse for a living.

In all this talk of explorers, will the Fayetteville Observer kindly give information as to the whereabouts of the Hon. Dunc. Rose, who left Fayetteville some years ago with the expressed intention of going around the world in a house-wagon?

One of the best proofs of the fact that Dixie is the most popular song is the vast number of alleged Southerners with Jew names who get up on the tables and cheer it whenever it happens to be played in a New York cafe.

President Taft's forthcoming message against playing futures will scarcely discourage the crowd that is putting up its political margins in the hope of getting a slice of the melon to be cut when the Return form Elba is pulled off.

The increased taxes on beer are stated to indicate prosperity as showing that there is a revival in the consumption of the "poor man's bevverage." What figure does the "near beer" business cut in the prosperity of the breweries?

Our Noble Tongue.

"It begins to look like the Leopold heirs are going to have an old-fashioned will fight," said the Atlanta Journal recently, and upon this statement the Houston Post made the following very pertinent comment:

"The significance of this observation is not in the idea it contains but the conjunctional functions that are so generally bestowed upon 'like'."

Just so, but the Houston paper does not note the fact that the strength of the Atlantese newspapers consists almost wholly in their "conjunctional functions." "Like" in the sense of "as if" is generally used in the newspapers of Atlanta. They don't know any better and they have not had time in the tremendous growth of that town to learn any better, but this sort of language is not confined to the Atlanta journals. It is largely employed in other newspapers of the country and particularly of the South, as our public speakers frequently employ the phrase "in our midst", and it is of almost everyday occurrence that some college professor or other accomplished writer uses such phrases as these: "Some few", "quite a few", "quite some", etc. Then they write about this, that or the other thing being the "most unique" thing in the world. It will be "quite some time", however, before our Houston contemporary will be able to impress the Atlanta newspapers with the proper use of the English language, but it deserves great credit for calling attention to one of the many blunders made not only by the Georgians but by the writers and speakers of the South generally.—Charleston News and Courier.

CURRENT COMMENT.

In the stomach of a mule killed by a train in North Carolina was found a newspaper, and, needless to say, it had not been digested. It was a copy of the Raleigh News and Observer.—Charleston News and Courier.

Mr. Duncan, who dresses in Greek garb, and his young son, revelled barefooted in the snow in Philadelphia Christmas day. Evidently they have formed a conspiracy to ruin the shoe industry. The youngster hung up no stocking, but obtained good results with the family clothes bag.—Charleston News and Courier.

The argument of the New York World to the effect that Webster really wrote his dictionary as a tribute to his lady love in Aroostock, Me., as is shown by the fact "every love word in the English language appears somewhere in the dictionary," is evidently fallacious, as anyone who has read the record "best sellers" knows.—Charleston News and Courier.

From the address of State Superintendent Joyner, which The News published yesterday, it will be seen that North Carolina has made wonderful progress in all lines of educational work during the year. A new school house for each day in the year, many new libraries, a higher standard of efficiency among teachers, improvement of established school buildings, large sums in additional taxes for lengthening schools—these are accomplishments which indicate a decided and persistent educational renaissance.—Charlotte News.

It appears that it was not Major J. C. Hemphill, of The Charleston News and Courier, who was offered the job of Commissioner of the District of Columbia, but John J. Hemphill. And, according to The Spartanburg Journal, he seems to have been caught between the upper and nether millstones. Although he lives and practices law in Washington he pays poll tax in South Carolina, so that he may run for office in that State; and this very fact has estopped President Taft from appointing him to be one of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia at a salary of $5,000 a year.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Some years ago it was a vexed question, often debated and put to the test, as to whether a mustache added any delight to a kiss. Now so soberminded a journal as the Lancet of London discusses the question as to whether the mustache is a safeguard against colds, and comes near deciding that the close-shaven man is less apt to catch colds and he a haven for germs of disease than the man with a hirsute upper lip. The only reason it balks at all is that it has to admit that women who—generally—do not shave, are more immune to colds than those men that are safeguarded by the application of razor and soap.—Columbia State.

RANGE EXPLODED.

One Result of the Freeze at Lumberton Yesterday Morning.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 30.—As the result of a frozen water pipe the range in the kitchen at the Methodist parsonage exploded early this morning. The range was badly wrecked as well as the furniture and interior of the building. Pastor Hoyle, who was standing near, was struck on the foot and his shoe cut in two or three places. His escape from serious, if not fatal injury, is considered miraculous. Part of a chair was hurled through a window carrying half of the lower sash with it. A zinc bucket filled with water was struck with sufficient force to tear three large holes in it and a cap from the range was carried up with power enough to bury itself in the plastering overhead. A piece of the range, weighing five pounds, was thrown several feet through the open door into the dining room.

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JOHN D. BELLAMY, JR.
Secretary.

NOTE.—The Association will be closed on Christmas and New Years Days and payments due those days will be received on the Mondays following. de 24 31 2t

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Stanley LeVeque, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to file the same, duly verified, with me on or before the 24th day of December, 1910, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

C. DENNEN, Administrator.
This December 24th, 1909.
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The cost of a Business Local is a small fee to pay for securing a good tenant.

MR. N. NIXON DAVIS PASSES

Death at Waynesville Yesterday Morning Removes One of City's Most Popular and Prominent Young Men—Funeral.

Death at Waynesville at 8 o'clock yesterday morning terminated the life of one of Wilmington's most popular and prominent young men, Mr. Nicholas Nixon Davis, eldest son of Capt. and Mrs. R. B. Davis, and cast a deep gloom over the community in which he had spent the better portion of his days, having gone to the western part of the State only about three years ago in the hope that a change of climate would prove of permanent benefit to his health.

For several days his condition had been critical and his friends and loved ones had been prepared for the worst, though the realization of his passing brought sorrow, deep and genuine, to many hearts in Wilmington and elsewhere. The remains will reach Wilmington at 11:30 o'clock tonight over the Atlantic Coast Line, accompanied by relatives and friends, and will be borne to the home of the parents of the deceased, 511 North Third street. The funeral services will be held from St. James' Episcopal Church at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Mr. Nicholas Nixon Davis, named for his grandfather, the eldest son of Capt. and Mrs. R. B. Davis, was born at the old family residence on Chesnut street, on October 17th, 1870. He was, therefore, in the 40th year of his age—in the prime of mature manhood. Early in life, when but 14 or 15 years of age, he entered the service of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, starting at the very bottom. By conscientious application to duty, faithful to every trust reposed in him, he rose rapidly to an important and lucrative position, being at the time of his death and for several years prior thereto, assistant chief of the Relief Department of the company, in which capacity he was of invaluable service to the road. Prior to his promotion to this position he was for many years chief clerk to the late Capt. John F. Divine, former superintendent of the company. When it was decided to create a Relief Department Mr. Davis was suggested as one who could aid vastly in the development of the proposition. He was, therefore, promoted to the position of assistant to Chief Surgeon George G. Thomas, in charge of the department.

Mr. Davis had been in declining health for several years, being a victim of that dread disease, tuberculosis. He determined to wage a persistent battle against the enemy, so in March, 1907, the Coast Line granted him a leave of absence in the hope that time and a change of climate might restore him to health again. On the 20th of the same month he and his wife removed to Asheville, N. C., where Mr. Davis was under the care of a physician until the following Fall, when he decided to secure a residence in Waynesville and remove thereto. Soon after going to Waynesville Mr. Davis purchased an interest in the Waynesville Grocery Company, one of the most flourishing firms of the kind in the town, and secured other business interests there. He desired something to occupy his mind while making an effort to regain his health and strength, though he did not at any time take a very active part in any of the businesses with which he was financially connected. His condition did not improve as rapidly as he and his loved ones and friends had hoped, but on the other hand he gradually grew worse. Several days ago it was realized that the end was near and a number of relatives in this city, including his mother, Mrs. R. B. Davis, two brothers, Messrs. R. B. Davis, Jr., and C. McD. Davis, Mrs. W. D. MacMillan, Jr., and Miss Alice Everett, were summoned to his bedside and with his loving wife were with him when the end came peacefully at the hour stated yesterday morning.

Mr. Davis took a great interest in church work, his membership being in St. James' Episcopal Church, and for a number of years he was one of the vestry. He was a regular attendant upon all the services and took a leading part in all that was for the upbuilding of the church. He was also a member of the Wilmington Naval Reserves, in which he secured the rank of lieutenant, and was probably a member also of the Wilmington Light Infantry.

Mr. Davis and Miss Mary Giles, the only daughter of the late Norwood Giles, was happily united in marriage in December, 1895, and she survives Besides his inconsolable widow and grief-stricken parents, Mr. Davis is survived by two brothers, Messrs. C. McD. Davis, of Wilmington, assistant general freight agent of the Atlantic Coast Line; Mr. R. B. Davis, Jr., of Rocky Mount; Mrs. Robert Bradford Adams, of Port Townsend, Wash., and Mrs. Thos. F. Darden, who resides near Washington City.

Mr. Davis was widely known in Wilmington and by all within the range of his acquaintance he was held in the highest esteem. In his death the city loses one of its most popular, promtnent and promising young men. He possessed the happy faculty of making friends and holding them steadfast as if by a grip of iron. He was of a most cheery disposition and even in his last days he never allowed himself to become disheartened. One of his greatest desires was to make all around him as happy as he seemed himself. His was an attractive and engaging personality and none knew him but to admire and respect him. His death leaves a void and many are the friends and loved ones bowed down in sorrow over his demise. And to the loved ones goes out the tenderest sympathy of hundreds and hundreds of friends here and elsewhere.

Mr. Davis was a member of Jefferson Lodge, No. 61, Knights of Pythias, for a long number of years and was one of the most active members of that order.

Hexamethylenetetramine

The above is the name of a German chemical, which is one of the many valuable ingredients of Foley's Kidney Remedy. Hexamethylenetetramine is recognized by medical text books and authorities as a uric solvent and antiseptic for the urine. Take Foley's Kidney Remedy as soon as you notice any irregularities and avoid a serious malady. Robt. R. Bellamy.

COLDEST FOR FOUR WINTERS

Thermometer Dropped to 16 Degrees Yesterday Morning, Breaking Record Since 1905—Other Points in the State.

Breaking all records since January, 1905, when a similar temperature was recorded, the thermometer registered just 16 degrees above zero and just 16 degrees below freezing at Wilmington yesterday morning, according to the official reports from the Weather Bureau.

According to the Bureau the minimum came at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, though many on the streets were of the opinion that the record of the morning was lowered during the forenoon. The maximum during the day was 28 degrees, though at 8 o'clock last night it had lost four of those degrees and was standing at 24 degrees with every likelihood of another very cold morning today. The mean temperature here for the day yesterday was 22 degrees.

Of course yesterday, the "oldest inhabitant" was again in the hey-day of his delight and discoursed very fervently about the time "it went to ten at Wilmington," but the average inhabitant was satisfied with the record then being made and let it go at that. Reports from Wrightsville Sound were to the effect that the Sound was frozen entirely over to the "hammocks" during the forenoon and parties from the southern part of the city said that a "skim of ice" extended some distance into the river from the docks in the Cape Fear river. One well known local attorney was caught in the act of buying two pair of ice skates at a hardware store yesterday morning in anticipation of better ice this morning, though it does not seem likely that there will be ice of sufficient width and thickness to permit of this favorite diversion with many Wilmington people in spite of the poor opportunity of enjoying it except on very rare occasions.

The up-State section suffered intensely yesterday morning according to reports. Asheville recorded a minimum of only two above zero, Charlotte 12, Raleigh 12, Norfolk 12, Richmond 10, while such semi-tropicals as Charleston reported 18, Macon 14, Jacksonville 20, Savannah 16, Augusta 14, and Atlanta 10. Yesterday morning the high pressure area extended from the interior southward to the Gulf and decidedly colder weather overspread the entire eastern portion of the country with sharp freezing temperatures reported as far south as central Florida. Warmer weather is promised by the Weather Bureau today.

Reports from the State were received in special dispatches to the Star yesterday and last night as follows:

Jacksonville, N. C., Dec. 30.—The weather here was the coldest today in years. The fish in New River became numbed with the cold and fishermen had great sport during the day in catching several hundred of the very finest trout weighing 10 and 15 pounds each.

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 30.—The weather here is considered the coldest in many years. Some report the thermometer this morning at 11 above zero . Cross creek, a deep running stream was frozen this morning from bank to bank.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 30.—At 8 o'clock this morning the thermometer of the Weather Bureau here registered 13 degrees above zero ,the lowest since the terrible cold wave in the Winter of 1899 when the mercury sank to two degrees above zero. Soon after 8 o'clock this morning the mercury went down to 12.4 and stood there some time until the effect of the sun started it up again, indicating that the temperature is really still falling here. No moderation of any consequence is expected here before Saturday afternoon.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES.

Interesting Programme Announced for Occasion at Boys' Brigade.

A most interesting programme has been announced for the special watch night service at the Boys' Brigade Armory which will begin at 10:45 o'clock tonight and continue until the New Year is ushered in. Five prominent Wilmington ministers have been invited to deliver 10-minute addresses on subjects of practical interest and the general theme will be "Is the Young Man Safe?" The sub-divisions with the ministers who will speak on each are as follows:

"From Himself"—Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

"From His Associates"—Rev. W. H. Milton, rector of St. James' Episcopal Church.

"To His City and State"—Rev. J. H. Foster, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

"To His Family"—Rev. J. M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

"To His Church"—Rev. K. D. Holmes, pastor of Fifth Street Methodist Church.

The public is cordially invited to attend and take part in the services.

RELEASE BOND FILED.

Owners Get Control of Rockingham Power Co. Property.

An evidence that the stockholders of the Rockingham Power Company intend to carry on the great project of harnessing and developing the water power on Pee Dee river, as announced in The Star a few days ago, was the execution yesterday afternoon in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court here, of a $50,000 bond releasing the attachment secured in the case of W. E. Worth against the Knickerbocker Trust Co., and others, a case growing out of the litigation over the water power company. The bond is in the National Surety Company, of New York, for which Arthur Cobb, Esq., is the local attorney. Thos. W. Davis, Esq., of counsel for the defendants in the latter suit, was present as well as Mr. Cobb. The order in the matter will be drawn and signed today.

The Little Store will be open until 1 P. M. on New Year's Day. **

STREETS MADE FIT FOR SKATES

Small Boy Would Have Been Real Happy But for Interference of Police Officer—Glassy Surface of Streets.

Perhaps for the purpose of providing for the young people another means of enjoying the holiday season, since the river did not freeze over sufficiently to admit skating, the street sprinkler was put to work bright and early yesterday morning and in a short time the streets for some distance in several directions were sufficient to meet the requirements of the devotees of that form of outdoor sport. The fact that this was going to be done was not generally known and some went a-skeeting on the glassy surface of the pavements without having made any previous preparation in the way of providing a frame for the feet.

The small boy was happy when he noticed the sprinkler moving along the streets and he went home at a rapid pace to provide himself with a pair of skates. He was disappointed earlier in the morning when he learned that though the night had been extremely cold and many water pipes had frozen there was no pond of ice of sufficient thickness to admit of skating. When he saw the sprinkler at work he knew that that department of the city government was aware of his keen disappointment and was trying to atone for the shortcomings of the weather man. And but for the "pernicious activity" of a certain police officer, who was driven almost to desperation, he probably would have been allowed to enjoy in reality what was in his mind.

But the telephone bell in the City Hall rang. Capt. Robt. Green answered.

"Is that the City Hall?" inquired the voice at the other end. "Well, have you all gone crazy up there, making an ice pond of the streets?" Captain Green made some reply and went back to his seat. The bell rang again, again and again and the same question was asked. Then some one called and said that a horse had fallen down at corner of Front and Princess and in quick succession came similar reports from other sections.

"Ah, to h—— with the sprinkler," mumbled Captain Green and he hung up the receiver the last time. "I will just come down and see about this. It's getting on my nerves. By heck, I'll stop that thing one way or another. If that driver don't take that infernal vehicle to its shed I'll bring the driver up here; that's all there is to it," and the captain moved out of the door.

In the meantime another officer had been apprised of the accident to the horse at Front and Princess and he went to the driver of the sprinkler and requested that he not do any more sprinkling until the weather moderated. The driver said that he would not stop unless a certain person, an employe of the city, but in no way connected with the street department, said so. The officer in question began and hour's search for the person in question. While he was searching the sprinkler was covering more territory.

Enter Captain Green. "Hey there! what the d—l you mean, making these streets for skating? Don't you know skating is not allowed in the streets of the city? Well, you don't but you better learn pretty quick. Can't help it how much you want to be obliging to the kids; this thing must stop. You quit now or go with me to the hall."

Therefore, the small boy was denied the coveted privilege of flying about on the glassy surface of Wilmington's main thoroughfares.

TILESTON TOPICS, DECEMBER.

High School Students Get Out Most Creditable Number.

The December number of Tileston Topics, the magazine published by students of the Wilmington High School, has just been issued and is a most creditable publication in every way. It is attractively bound in gray and contains 60 pages of reading matter. The magazine contains articles of real merit and the various contributions are splendidly arranged. The contents are:

Literary Essentials, A. O. M.; A Prairie Incident, Hazel Black; Poem of Spring, A. O. M.; The Sentry, Earl LaNier; Poetry, by A. O. M.; A Case of Mistaken Identity, Emily Hammond; Nature's Sympathy, J. W.; The Old Stone House, G. Latham Harriss; A Comparison of the Mississippi and Colorado Rivers; Louise Wise; Oh, You Latin, Bessie Harriss; Carolina Day, Hallie Rutland; Running the Gauntlet, Carl Powers; Tileston Topics, E. S. and M. S. W.; Editorials, Aur Aim; A Democratic Spirit; The Literary Society, Its Value and Loss; The Football Team; Our Advertisers; Current Events; Lighter Vein, Edna LaNier; Class Notes; Union School Notes; Hemenway School Notes; Athletics; Football; Exchange Department, Hallie Rutland.

Miss Ursula Willis is editor-in-chief and Israel Noe, assistant editor-in-chief, both members of the senior class. The associate editors are Miss Hallie Rutland and Edward Hardin, '11, Miss Edna Lanier and Miss Alice J. Sawyer, '12. From the two divisions of the freshmen class the editors are John Wells, Miss Mollie Holton, Miss Jeanette Buck and Nash Penny. The editors from the Union School are Miss Louise Worth and McCallum Plowden and from Hemenway Allie Morris Fechtig and George LeGrand. Douglass Taylor, '10, is business manager and Lewis Stein, '11, assistant manager.

Failed to Appear for Trial.

A civil action entitled Mrs. Geo. L. Schutt against Robt. M. Green & Co., S. P. Collier, agent, and A. H. Sheppard, agent for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, involving $65, was set for trial at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon in Justice Bornemann's court, but K. C. Sidbury, Esq., counsel for plaintiff, was the only one to put in an appearance. Mr. Sidbury, as trustee, has an action against the defendants for $12.50 "for tubes of gas taken with fountain." Both cases were continued until 3 o'clock this afternoon. The exact nature of the actions was not known to the justice.

ENJOYABLE ENTERTAINMENTS

Christmas Exercises Held by Three City Churches Last Night—Distribution of Confectioneries by Santa Claus, Etc.

Delightful Christmas entertainments at three of the city churches were held last night and each was largely attended by the children and adult members of the Sunday schools. The appearance of old Santa Claus was the feature of the exercises for the children as usual.

The exercises of Immanuel Presbyterian Church were held in the Boys' Brigade Armory, Second and Church streets, and began at 8 o'clock. The only happening calculated to mar the pleasure of the evening was the falling of the long stove pipe. This was just before the exercises began and Joseph W. Little, Esq., was standing near. He caught the piping with his bare hands, burning him rather painfully, but in this way prevented the spoiling of many hats and the possible injury of several other persons. The unannounced and unwelcomed incident, however, was almost forgotten by the time the exercises began by all except Mr. Little, who will probably have cause to remember it for several days. The exercises were of a particularly interesting nature, opening with prayer by Rev. J. S. Crowley, the pastor, after which the Acme Quartett favored the audience with a selection. This was followed by a song by 12 little girls, each holding a bunch of holly. Next came a song by 12 little girls each of whom held a doll. Recitations were given by several of the little folks. Mr. Little made a short but very appropriate address of welcome in course of which he spoke of the helpful work of the Sunday school and urged a larger attendance. Old Santa Claus was well impersonated by Mr. S. A. Matthews, who entered the armory with Peary and Cook. The explorers were in a heated argument relative to the discovery of the pole. Santa Claus informed the two gentlemen that the pole had never been lost and in order to put an end to further discussion he broke the pole in two, giving each one half. The snow scene was especially beautiful. After disposing of Peary and Cook old Nicholas gave to each member of the Sunday school present a box of candy. The affair proved one of the most delightful of the Christmas entertainments of the season.

The Christmas entertainment of the Sunday School of Trinity Methodist Church was held in the Sunday school room last night with a large attendance despite the severe weather. An enjoyable musical programme was rendered after which Santa Claus, splendidly impersonated by Mr. J. W. Smith, made his appearance much to the joy of the large number of children present. Old Nicholas was a distinct feature of the entertainment. He handed each person in the building a package of confectioneries, after which the ladies of the church served delicious ice cream and some time was spent in social intercourse. The affair proved thoroughly enjoyable to all who attended.

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian.

The annual holiday entertainment of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday school took place last evening at the church and proved a most delightful occasion for all who attended. The exercises consisted of songs, brief addresses, religious features and last, but by no means least, a "real" Santa Claus, who distributed candy, fruits, etc., from two pretty Christmas trees that adorned the hall. The programme opened with the entrance of the primary classes and the singing of a bewitching little song, followed by a Christmas carol by the entire school. Dr. McClure, the beloved pastor, then led a beautiful prayer appropriate to the gladsome season, and after a song, "Little Town of Bethlehem", the young people heard with much interest and pleasure an inspiring address from their superintendent, Mr. Wm. H. Sprunt, whose heart is ever near to the young people and in whom he takes great interest. This was followed by class contributions for the Barium Springs Orphanage and it is safe to say that the fatherless ones up at the home near Charlotte, will ever remember St. Andrew's for the generous and very handsome manner in which its young people acquitted themselves on this occasion. The contributions were in kind from each class in the large school as follows: Mrs. Sharrock, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Latta, Misses George and Turley. Miss Madge McDougal. Miss King, Miss Murphy, Miss Isabelle McDougal. Miss Jessie Bissett, Mrs. Kirkland and Mrs. McClure, Miss Mary Thompson, Mr. Walker, Mr. Murphy, Miss Ida Black, Mr. McGeachy, Mr. Latta, Mr. Hand, Mrs. Osborne and Dr. Akerman.

The bringing forward of the gifts was lightened on the programme by the rendition of a song by little Miss Wormsley.

The children then sang with much gusto a song, "Santa Claus," which was followed in turn by the appearance of Santa, as cleverly impersonated by Mr. Linwood Latta and the little folks were given fancy packages of candies, fruits and other confections.

Just at this stage of the programme, a number that perhaps gave more pleasure to the school than any other feature of the exercises, was the presentation of a handsome loving cup to Mr. Sprunt, the superintendent, Mr. Stewart, the secretary making a brief but very happy little speech of presentation and Mr. Sprunt responding most feelingly and appreciatively upon this expression of love and esteem from those with whom he has worked so faithfully during the year.

"Never weary of well doing," the school received a collection for the faithful janitor of the church, James Johnson, who is held in the highest esteem by all his white friends of St. Andrew's whom he has served long and well. This with a song, "While the Shepherds Watched" and the benediction by Dr. McClure brought to a close one of the pleasant st holiday entertainments it has ever been the good fortune of the young people of St. Andrew's to enjoy. In connection with the gifts for the Barium Springs Orphanage, the school desires to return thanks to the donors for special and very substantial contributions from Messrs. Thomas & Co., Mr. S. P. McNair and Mr. Oscar Pearsall.

The Little Store will be open until 1 P. M. on New Year's Day. **

The Theatre

The popular Four Pickerts and company, who have been holding the boards at the Academy all this week, but who gave away last night to the merry minstrels, will resume their engagement this evening. Tonight the feature bill of the company's repertoire will be presented and the best performance of the week can well be expected. The presentation will be made with special scenery and a big and entirely new programme of vaudeville will be given between acts.

The company will bring its engagement to a close tomorrow, with two performances. At matinee the big modern success, "A Child of the Streets," will be presented and in which dainty, clever little Miss Blanche Pickert will appear in the title role.

Seats for tonight are now on sale at the Crystal Palace. The prices for the matinee will be 10 and 20 cents.

Coming of a Big Star.

Popularity is a very valuable commodity for a star of Lillian Russell's wonderful standing. She cannot go anywhere that she is not known and, of course, she is immediately recognized. Even in New York, where so little attention is paid to people owing to the general congestion of celebrities in that big city, Russell has to be careful where she goes. Between seasons if she visits the theatre she is hardly seated comfortably in her box before whispers run around the house that she is there, and the audience generally pays more attention to her and to her appearance and regard for her appreciation of the performance than they do to what is going on upon the stage.

Even in vacation times Miss Russell cannot escape this interest in her personal life. If she goes down to the races she immediately becomes an object of interest and the seashore is no place for her at all. Last Summer she undertook to get in a short rest at Atlantic City before sailing for Europe, but two days of constant fire before the camera fiends along the gay board-walk drove her into seclusion and she had to leave long before she contemplated. It is on this account that Miss Russell sails for Europe every Summer and getting off the beaten paths traversed by the tourist army she enjoys the luxury of a vacation just the same as any other human being without feeling that she is the cynosure of all eyes.

Cohan and Harris' Minstrels.

Cohan and Harris' Minstrels were greeted by a large audience at the Academy of Music last night and if applause counts for anything all were pleased with the show. George Evans "the Honey Boy," took the leading part, and was splendid. The audience had the laugh every time he spoke or even made a move. Altogether the minstrel is a good one and the local theatre goers were well pleased.

At The Bijou Today.

"His Masterpiece" and "The Widow" will be shown at the popular Bijou today. The former depicts the struggles of an old musician, who finally achieves success. Of the latter the film makers say: "The moral of this story is: 'Never keep anything from a loving wife,' and we might add parenthetically, the consequences are likely to be sure, sudden and fatal. So our friend Robbins finds out when he has a race horse of which his wife knows nothing about." His horse was named "The Widow" and it was a case of mistaken identity on the part of the wife.

A CHRISTMAS DIVIDEND.

Stockholders in Southern National Remembered by the Directors.

It was quite a handsome little Christmas present that stockholders in the Southern National Bank received from the directors as the result of action taken at a meeting held this week. The little Christmas "reminder" that the Southern is "still doing business at the same old stand" was in the form of dividend checks amounting to 4 per cent. and which is the regular semi-annual dividend paid to stockholders and which is never missed. At the meeting President M. J. Heyer was glad to report that the records of the bank now show a steady increase every month in deposits, this without a single exception. The stockholders, of course, are very much gratified at this fine showing of the bank on the eve of a New Year that promises even bigger and brighter things.

FUNERAL OF MRS. GREEN.

Impressive Services Held From First Baptist Church.

Beautiful and impressive funeral services were held from the First Baptist church yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock over the remains of Mrs. Mabel Estell Green, the young wife of Mr. Ernest L. Green, whose sad death occurred Wednesday morning. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, pastor of the church, and there were present a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and sympathizing friends. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery. Many beautiful floral designs were banked around the grave. The pall-bearers were Messrs. M. E. Graham, J. A. Bowden, C. P. Scott, R. P. McClammy, W. B. Muse, and Leonard Gore.

ATHLETIC MEET YESTERDAY.

Boys of Union and Hemenway Schools Contest.

An athletic meet for the boys of the Union and Hemenway schools was held yesterday afternoon in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A., under the direction of Physical Director B. H. Tyrrell. There were a large number of boys from both schools present and all entered the various contests with much enthusiasm. Following the contests refreshments were served and the boys voted the event one of the most delightful in every respect of the season.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, etc

Miss Nellie Clark, of Manchester, N. C., is visiting Mrs. Andrew Howell.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Taylor left yesterday afternoon for an extended trip through Florida, returning in about ten days. Mr. Taylor is interested in a fishery at Punta Gorda, Fla., and after they spend a few days at that place they will visit other points.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. McEachern entertained a large circle of young folks Wednesday evening at their pretty suburban home on Market street, complimentary to their daughter, Miss Merle, who is at home from Salem Academy, Salem, N. C., for the holidays.

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At her beautiful home on South Third street, Mrs. William Latimer delightfully entertained yesterday evening in honor of Messrs. Herbert and Empie Latimer, who are at home from Columbia University for the holidays. A number of prominent young society people were invited and the affair is spoken of as one of the pleasantest of the holidays.

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In honor of a number of the visiting young ladies and prominent young society women of Wilmington, Mrs. Allan Nichols delightfully entertained at a card party from three to six o'clock yesterday afternoon, at her apartments in The Carolina. There were about twenty-five in the list of guests and the holiday effect was very prettily carried out in Christmas favors and beautiful decorations according to a color scheme of red. Mrs. Nichols' guests, as upon all occasions when she entertains, were delighted with the afternoon's pleasures.

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The annual New Year's reception of the Y. M. C. A. will be held at the rooms of the association Saturday and the public generally is invited to attend. The rooms will be open to the public throughout the afternoon and the officers will be pleased to meet and greet the people of the city. In the evening, beginning at 8:15 o'clock, an interesting programme will be carried out and refreshments will be served. The public is also invited to be present at night. The rooms of the association will be tastefully decorated in Christmas greens.

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On Saturday night at Kneisel's Academy of Dancing the big masquerade will be given. There have been requests since the last masquerade for another and the one Saturday night will probably be the biggest ever given here. Mr. Kneisel's full orchestra, which has made a big hit this week at the different germans, will furnish music. There will be no advance in prices and the dancers are expected to take advantage of this opportunity. Dancing will commence at 9 and last until 11:45 P. M. Ladies only will mask and at 10:30 they will unmask and from then on will dance a german. Mr. Kneisel promises many more big dances in rapid succession.

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OLD-FASHIONED DINNER AT GARLAND ON WEDNESDAY.

Garland, N. C., Dec. 29.—An old-fashioned country dinner was given today to a few friends of Mr. and Mrs. William Sloan, of this place. Now, only those who have partaken of the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Sloan know what it means to take dinner with them and especially at the Christmas season. A dozen lovely children were present which added much to the brightness of the day. Among the guests who were invited were Mr. and Mrs. James Colvin, of Atkinson; Dr. and Mrs. Henry Sloan, of Ingold; Mrs. Victoria Cromartie, Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Cromartie; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Cromartie, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Cromartie, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cromartie, Mr. Luther Cromartie, and Mr. James D. Myrover, all of Garland. Despite the fact that this has been the coldest day of the Winter, nothing but a good time was had and Mr. and Mrs. Sloan were voted a charming host and hostess.

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North Carolina sent a large representation to the great Students' Volunteer Convention which met at Rochester, N. Y., during the past week. In the party from this State according to the delegations previously selected were Messrs. J. W. Berthold and wife, Prof. C. A. Sprague, J. B. Quinerly, Geo. R. Rose, W. F. Eller, J. M. Beal, of The A. & M.; E. E. Barnett, E .W. Turlington, A. R. Morgan, D. B. Bryan, R. G. Stockton, H. H. Hargrett, Prof. A. H. Patterson, University of North Carolina; E. J. Hardison, G. W. Vick, Carolyn Tuttle, Trinity College; Dennis Gray, Prof. Benford, Guilford; C. C. Wheeler, D. A. Brown, Wake Forest; Prof. J. W. Hester, Oak Ridge; J. B. White and Mr. Huske, Davidson College. Misses Blanche Barrus, Minnie Middleton, M. T. Pescud, S. E. Young, Meredith College; Miss Affie Griffin, Elon; Miss S. Betts, Miss A. Green, Littlejon; Mrs. W. L. Grissom, W. L. Grissom, Misses Martha Dozier, Julia Crutchfield, Mary Petty, Mary Mitchell, Annie Moring, Myrtle Johnson, Annie Pollard, State Normal; Misses Louise Hipp, Hazel Albright, Elizabeth College; Misses Lillian Shaw, Bessie Blakeney, Miss Patterson, Presbyterian College; Student Secretary J. E. Johnson, of Charlotte.

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WEDDING OF SOCIAL INTEREST IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 29.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Capt. and Mrs. T. W. Slocumb, in this city, last night at 8:30 o'clock in the presence of only the immediate families of the contracting parties and a small circle of especial friends, Miss Minnie Slocumb and Mr. D. R. Kornegay were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, Rev D. H. Tuttle, pastor of St. Paul M. E. Church, officiating. The home was appropriately decorated and brilliantly illuminated for the happy occasion, and the close contiguity of kindred and friends gave additional solemnity to the ceremony. The bridal march was rendered by Miss Mabel Borden on the piano, and Miss Sarah Kirby was maid of honor, while the groom's best man was Mr. John H. Hill, Jr., these were the only attendants.

The bride was gowned in a blue cloth traveling suit, with hat to match, and never looked more handsome. She entered with her father and met the groom before the waiting minister. The ceremony was all very simple and very beautiful for its sweet simplicity. Immediately after the service, the bride and groom received the cordial congratulations of all present and were soon on their way to the depot, where they took the northbound train at 10 o'clock for an extended bridal trip. Both the bride and groom number their friends by the score in Goldsboro, and the very cordial esteem in which they are held was attested by the many beautiful and great number of bridal presents with which they were remembered, as well as by the widespread interest manifested in their marriage.

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DELIGHTFUL DANCE IN HONOR OF MISS ZUNDER.

Of the many charming social affairs of the holiday season none was more delightful and thoroughly enjoyable than the dance given in the attractive club rooms of the Harmony Circle, on South Front street last night by Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Jacobi and Mr. and Mrs. L. Stein in compliment to Miss Regina Zunder, of New Haven, Conn., the charming and attractive guest of Miss Goldie Stein. Dancing began at 9:30 and continued until 2 o'clock this morning with an intermission at 12 o'clock for an elegant supper, served in the club rooms. The music for the occasion was furnished by Hollowbush's Orchestra.

The out-of-town guests were Miss Lowenstein, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Miss Bessie Fishblate, of New York; Miss Hortense Ottinger, of Lancaster, Pa.; Mr. Alfred Rheinstein, of New York; Mr. Harold Sycle, of Philadelphia; Mr. Mack Hersteberg, Atlanta, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Sigmond Wallace, Statesville, N. C.; Mr. Charles J. Mendelsohn, New York.

Among those dancing were: Miss Goldie Stein, Mr. Arthur Bluethenthal; Miss Regina Zunder, Mr. Joe N. Jacobi; Miss Jeanette Frank, Mr. Marx Nathan; Miss Helen Solomon, Mr. Joe Frank; Miss Helena Waxman, Mr. Herbert Bluethenthal; Miss Devora Shrier, Mr. Moses Bear; Miss Mamie Bear, Mr. Adolph Rosenmann; Miss Hortense Ottinger, Mr. Irving Bear; Miss Ethel Solomon, Mr. Harold Sycle; Miss Hazel Einstein, Mr. Lewis Stein; Miss Bessie Fishblate, Mr. George Honnet, Miss Nina Lowenstein, Mr. Sig Goodman; Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Jacobi, Mr. and Mrs. L. Stein, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Solky, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Dannenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Jake L. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Einstein, Mr. A. David, Mrs. L. B. Frank.

Stags—Messrs. Lewis Shrier, Dr. J. Harry Honnet, Isadore Bear, Mack Hirshberg, Louis Goodman, Alfred Rheinstein, Emmanuel I. Bear, Isaac Bear, Sam Bear, Harry Solomon, Freddie Bear.

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FRATERNITY DANCE GIVEN LAST NIGHT BY SIGMA NU.

One of the prettiest, if not the largest, of the numerous holiday dances given in Wilmington during the yuletide was that last night in the Masonic Temple ball room under the auspices of the Sigma Nu Fraternity, which has quite a large number of members in Wilmington and visiting here for the holidays. Two representatives of every other Greek letter fraternity in Wilmington were invited and about thirty-five couples participated in the mazes of the dance, which continued until an early hour this morning. The decorations were very pretty and effective according to the scheme of the fraternity colors. The music was by Kneisel's Orchestra and was pronounced excellent by the dancers. Mr. W. P. Emerson led the figures, which were new and novel.

Among those present and dancing from the several fraternities were:

Sigma Nu—Miss Agnes McQueen, Mr. W. P. Emerson, Miss Charlotte Pleasants, Mr. E. P. Bailey, Miss Dell Burbank, Mr. E. Q. LeGrand, Miss Isabelle Clark, Mr. H. T. Clark, of Tarboro; Miss Nan Lacy, of Raleigh; Mr. Thos. F. Wood, Miss Luciana Poisson, Mr. B. O'Neill, Miss Kirkpatrick, of Birmingham, Ala.; Mr. Waddell Waters, Miss Lucretia Wilson, of Winston; Mr. W. M. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Nash, Miss Cynthia Rountree, Mr. Clayton Smith, Miss Graves, of Decatur, Ga.; Mr. Fred Poisson, Miss Lillian Kenly, Mr. W. M. Parsley, Dr and Mrs. Jos. Akerman, Miss Annie Worth, Mr. W. B. McKoy, Jr., Miss Elston Baxter, of Philippine Islands, Mr. C. C. Brown, Jr., Miss Helen Clark, Mr. H. M. Emerson, Miss Minnie Blalock, of Columbia, S. C., Mr. Walter Lambeth, of Fayetteville, Miss Lauriston Hardin, Mr. Eugene Lea, of Dunn, Miss Theresa Parsley, Mr. W. E. Dockery, of Rockingham, Miss Eleanor Gilchrist, Mr. Fairley Long, of Rockingham, Miss Helen Strange, Mr. Grimsley, of Greensboro.

Kappa Alpha—Miss Florence Kidder, Mr. Louis T. Moore, Miss Etta Braud, Mr. S. T. Pender.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon—Miss Virginia Bailey, Mr. Markley Croswell, Miss Atha Hicks, Mr. C. S. Hicks.

Pi Kappa Alpha—Miss Elise Emerson, Mr. T. J. Moore, Miss Isabel Smallbones, Mr. John Vann.

Kappa Sigma—Miss Nellie Savage, Mr. James Durham, Miss Amoret Lord, Mr. R. C. James, Miss Amoret Price, of Baltimore, Mr. Clyde Council, of Wananish.

Chi Psi—Miss Sue Prince, Mr. Raymond Hunt, stag, Mr. H. deW. Ravalje.

Beta Theta Pi—Miss Elise Kidder, Mr. Walter Storm, of New York.

Alpha Tau Omega—Miss Bessie Bridgers, Mr. Preston Cumming, Jr., of New York, Miss Spafford, of London, England, Mr. Brooke G. Empie.

Delta Kappa Epsilon—Dr. Pride Jones Thomas, stag; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Belden.

Chaperones—Mrs. C. C. Brown, Mrs. W. M. Parsley, Mrs. Jos. H. Watters, Mrs. B. G. Empie, Miss Lizzie Peck, Mrs. W. B McKoy, Miss Jennie Wood, Mrs. R. W. Hicks, Mrs. E. P. Bailey, Mrs. Haywood Clark, Mrs. Horace Emerson.

The favors were very pretty and attractive. The first were Sigma Nu pennants and arm bands of the different fraternities; second, rosbs to the ladies and buttonnieres for the gentlemen; third, parasols for the ladies and pall malls for the genetlemen; fourth, Sigma Nu stick pins for the ladies and ash trays for the gentlemen; fifth, favors for the ladies and pocket knives for the gentlemen.

LOCAL DOTS.

—A New Year's service will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow morning to which the public is invited to attend.

—Tomorrow, Saturday, being a legal holiday the county offices as well as other public offices will be closed and the banks will not be open for business.

—The store of the People's Supply Company will close at 1 o'clock this afternoon for stock taking, but will be open as usual Saturday morning. Friends and patrons are asked to take note of the closing.

—A watch-night service will be held in the Anniversary Hall of the First Presbyterian church tonight, commencing at 11 o'clock, under the auspices of the Brotherhood Bible Class. The public is invited.

—A special watch-night service will be held at the Salvation Army hall on Front street, on New Year's eve tonight, commencing at 11 o'clock. The service will be conducted by Ensign and Mrs. Williams, and the public is invited to attend.

—Announcement is made in another column of today's paper that the North Carolina Home Building Association's office will be closed Saturday, a legal holiday, and the stockholders are asked to pay their dues either today or Monday.

—Wm. Watson and Mike Bryant, white, were arrested yesterday afternoon on warrants charging them with disorderly conduct on a street car and refusing to pay fare. They were recognized for appearance at trial before the Recorder this morning.

—The New Hanover White School Teachers' Association will meet at the Court House Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in regular monthly session. The meeting was scheduled for last Saturday, but as that was Christmas Day, postponement was taken until the coming Saturday.

—Saturday being a general holiday the Tidewater Power Company will operate a special schedule on the suburban line. The regular Sunday schedule will be in effect; that is, cars every half hour in the afternoon. The usual week day schedule will be operated during the morning hours.

—Quotations of cotton on the local market continue to soar and middling yesterday was 15 1-4 cents, the highest point of the season. With the high price of the staple the receipts on the local market are beginning to be better and yesterday 1,284 bales were received against 759 bales last season.

—Sneed & Co., furniture dealers, obtained judgments and executions in Justice Bornemann's court yesterday against four negro women who had failed to pay for furniture purchased. The defendants were Sarah Pridgen, Jane Sumter, Cornelius Everett and Ida Jones and the judgment were for the furniture which had been sold to them.

—By deed filed for record yesterday Sophia W. Smith, Winslow W. Smith and wife, and Norwood G. Smith and wife, of Sanford, transfer to Walker Taylor and wife, for $1,000 and other considerations, lot on south side of Market, 50 feet west of Eighth street, 50x200 feet in size, also right-of-way over an alley 12x50 feet through the property.

—Under a foreclosure of a mortgage the pool parlors, tobacco, cold drink and near-beer business of Mr. Melvin Horne, on Princess, between Front and Second streets, was sold at public auction at the Court House door at noon yesterday, being bid in by Mr. D. L. T. Capps, whose wife held the mortgage on the property, for $850.

—Sheriff Cowan yesterday turned over to the agent of Mr. E. McMoore, Jr., the horse seized from Mr. R. E. Daniels a few days ago under claim and delivery proceedings. It was alleged that Mr. J. M. Lipscomb sold to Mr. R. E. Daniels the horse and that Mr. McMoore held a mortgage on the animal. Mr. McMoore will arrive here today from Pender, in which county the proceedings were started.

PUT TO SEVERE TEST.

Wireless Telephone Communication Established Through Vault.

The representatives of the wireless telephone apparatus who have been here for several days demonstrating the practicability of their invention put the apparatus to a severe test at the Murchison National Bank yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The experiment was witnessed by some eight or ten citizens. One of the instruments was taken inside the vault and the other left on the outside. Some three or four citizens also went into the vault. The door was closed and communication was established through the three steel walls. Those who were present said that they could hear distinctly and they were convinced of the merits of the apparatus.

CONVOY IROQUOIS.

Tug Sea King Will Accompany Disabled Steamer to Cape Fear Bar.

The tug Sea King left yesterday for Charleston to act as convoy to the disabled Clyde Liner Iroquois to Cape Fear bar, where the Clyde Liner Carib will act as convoy the remainder of the way to New York. The Sea King went to sea yesterday shortly after she carried the schooner F. & T. Lupton to the bar. She will arrive at Charleston today, proceeding with the Iroquois in time to catch the Carib on her regular trip north

Death of Little Daughter.

Mr and Mrs. J. W. H. Fuchs have the tenderest sympathy of a great many friends in the death of their little daughter, Annie Marie Fuchs, which occurred at the family residence, 411 South Second street, yesterday morning rather suddenly. The little one was three and a half years old. The funeral services will be held from the residence at 3 o'clock this afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Regular Interest Period.

At the People's Savings Bank January 1st. Deposits made on or before Monday the 3rd, will bear interest from the 1st. Dec. 31-3t

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. W. H. Phillips, of Whiteville, arrived to spend a few days in the city on business.

—Mr. Hugh Wallace and family returned yesterday from Kenansville where they spent the Christmas holidays with relatives.

—Among those registered at The Orton yesterday were: R. S. McClamrock, Greensboro; S. T. Pullen, Burgaw; C. S. Swan, Wallace; E. J. Hill, Warsaw; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powell, Oxford; Mrs. Geo. B. McLeod and Miss Irene McLeod, Lumberton.

SENTENCED TO ROADS.

Sailors Who Raised Disturbance Wednesday Tried Yesterday.

The star performers in yesterday's session of the Recorder's court were four sailors—Geo. Demetre, Victor Leebland, F. Green Sullivan and another who refused to reveal his name—attaches of the revenue cutter Seminole, charged with raising a disturbance at the Champion Compress Wednesday afternoon, when they were refused admittance on one of the cotton steamers by the watchman. They were charged with nuisance, assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapons and each were convicted, being given 30 days in each case. Herbert McClammy, Esq., appeared for the prosecution. Wm. J. Bellamy, Esq., was later retained by the defendants and he gave notice of an appeal to Superior Court. The sailors were confined in the county jail in default of bonds.

S. B. Bradshaw, a white man, was again before the Recorder on the same old charge—drunkenness. He was sentenced to 30 days on the roads, but his pitiful pleadings were to some avail for the Recorder afterward suspended judgment upon payment of costs.

The father of Arthur Croom, the young white man who forfeited his bond Wednesday rather than face the Recorder on several charges, arrived yesterday morning and is making an effort to adjust the matter. He reported that his son was ill, threatened with pneumonia, and was not able to be out. It will be recalled that Croom gave a horse and a mortgage for $75, on which $30 had been paid, as bond for his appearance at trial.

STREET PREACHER COMING

Tom Hege, Takes His Way to Wilmington and New Hanover.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says:

"Tom Hege, the pictureque; street preacher, curiosity shop keeper, inventor, and genius of many varieties, is about to depart from Fayetteville for Wilmington. He has protographed his life while in Fayetteville from his arrival at the station here from Charlotte down to his picturesque parade up Hay Street last week on a bicycle, which made music and did all sorts of queer things. He has placed each scene on a large card board, which he exhibited at the Observer office today. Tom Hege will make Wilmington sit up and take notice.

"As the weather yesterday was too bad for him to preach his farewell sermon in the Square, he requests the Observer to publish it, which is done."

Business Changes January 1st.

The drug store of Mr. Walter Kingsbury is now in its new quarters on the corner of Princess and Second streets, formerly occupied by Schutt's Pharmacy, and the Masonic store which was vacated by the former has been leased by Mr. F. A. Bissinger, the jeweler, and Dr. C. P. Vineburg, the optician. Mr. Bissinger will move to the Masonic Temple store from his present location on Market street and will carry an up-to-date line of jewelry in his new place. Dr. Vineburg has been conducting his optical business in connection with the drug store for several years, and will continue with Mr. Bissinger.

The Victor Typewriter.

Attention is called to the New Year announcement of the Ramos Typewriter Co. Mr. John S. Ramos, an experienced typewriter man, is in charge of the business and will take great pleasure in talking over the typewriter situation with anyone desiring to adopt the modern form of business correspondence. Although comparatively a new machine on the market, the Victor has made wonderful strides during the past few months and under the capable direction of Mr. Ramos, it promises to be quite popular in North Carolina during the New Year 1910.

Stamp Slot Machine Installed.

Always alive to the convenience of his patrons, Mr. James M. Hall, the well known druggist at Fifth and Castle streets, has installed at his store one of the latest stamp vending machines. It is approved fully by the government and by dropping a coin in the slot stamps in any amount may be secured without the necessity of asking for the accommodation or the delay in case the clerk is busy.

May "Cut Out" Ball.

The following from yesterday's Greensboro News will be read with interest by fans hereabouts: "Prof. Earl P. Holt, of Oak Ridge, who spent Monday night in Winston Salem, was asked what team he would play with next season. 'I have about concluded to cut out baseball,' replied the former manager of the Wilson team in the Eastern Caroline League."

Four sheet firers were killed in a dust explosion, caused by a "windy" shot in Mine No. 5, two miles south of Centralia, Ill., Tuesday.

Franklin, Pa., Dec. 28.—Major General John A. Wyley, probably the best known military figure in Pennsylvania, died here tonight of intestinal nephritis, aged 66 years.

Hogs brought $8.60 on the Kansas City market Tuesday, the highest mark attained there since 1882. Packers stated that the high prices marked another step in the constantly increasing value of hogs.

DIED.

FUCHS—At the family residence, No. 411 South Second street, ANNIE MARIE FUCHS, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. H. Fuchs, aged 3 1-2 years.

Funeral this (Friday) afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence. Friends and acquaintances of the family respectfully invited to attend.

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SPECIAL SALE!

Our entire stock of Boy's Straight Knee Pants Suits, consisting of blue serges, fancy and mixed worsteds, will be placed on sale and positively will be closed out within the next few days at

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$1.50 Suit at	$1.00
$2.00 Suit at	$1.34
$2.50 Suit at	$1.67
$3.00 Suit at	$2.00
$3.50 Suit at	$2.34
$4.00 Suit at	$2.67
$4.50 Suit at	$3.00
$5.00 Suit at	$3.34
$5.50 Suit at	$3.67
$6.00 Suit at	$4.00
$6.50 Suit at	$4.34
$7.00 Suit at	$4.67
$7.50 Suit at	$5.00
$8.00 Suit at	$5.33

We also offer a special lot of Boys' Long Pants Suits which we will place on sale for one-half off regular price, which we will guarantee that is less than what the material cost to manufacture.

Don't delay this opportunity, for when we offer you values you get it at

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FRANCE PROTESTS

Findings of Immigration Commission as to White Slave Traffic.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The Matin today declares that the findings of the United States Immigration Commission, which placed France first among the nations as an exporter of so-called white slave recruits, constitute a National disgrace and appeals to the government to commence immediately pourparlers with Washington for the suppression of the traffic.

The paper insists that France in reality is the most decent country on the globe and one where home life and virtue are most beautifully exemplified, yet abroad and especially in America, scandalous French literature is circulated and the effect of the monstrous white slave has given her the reputation of being the center of depravity. Paris, the Matin says, is pictured as the modern Babylon and adds: "The government must intervene. It is a question of humanity and National honor."

Washington, Dec. 30.—The report of the Immigration Commission shows of 82 women deported from the port of New York on account of prostitution, between January 1st, 1907 and December 1, 1908, 46 were French, 13 Hebrews, 13 Germans and 10 Italians. A table is also given howing the number of convictions in th night court of the city of New York by nativity during the period from November 15th, 1908, to March 15th, 1909, on account of soliciting on the streets and practicing prostitution. The total for the year was 2,093. Of this number 1,512 were native born and 581 were foreigners. Of the foreigners, 154 were French and 225 Hebrew, the next largest number being 69 Germans.

Commenting upon these facts the Commission expressed the opinion that the table did not show the real proportion of the races. Of this point the commission said:

"If, instead of judging by the statistics, we were to take the opinions of our agents, secured by talking with the women, with the police and with others familiar with the situation it seems probable that the percentage of French women who practiced prostitution before arrival in this country, as compared with their total number, is decidedly larger than the percentage of Hebrews who have engaged in that business coming here. Apparently the activity of the Jewish procurers and pimps in seducing young girls to turn them into this life in this country is greater than that of the French, whereas the French are somewhat more willing to adopt the bolder and perhaps on the whole more profitable plan of importing women who are already familiar with the life."

M. Jusserand, the French ambassador read with interest a copy of the Paris dispatch regarding the attitude of the Matin on the white slave traffic in the United States, but he positively declined to express himself for publication on the subject.

"Of course," said the ambassador, "if the United States government should request my assistance in this or any other matter, I should be glad to do everything within my power to be of service."

THE WARDLAW SISTERS.

Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Snead Taken to New Jersey Jail Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 30.—Bundled into an automobile, Mrs. Caroline Martin, mother of Mrs. Ocey Snead, the bath tub victim, and Mrs. Mary Snead, were taken away from the Tombs today to Newark, N. J., where they are under indictment on charges of causing the death of Mrs. Ocey Snead. Miss Virginia Wardlaw, aunt of the dead girl, has been under arrest in New Jersey for some time.

Contrary to expectations the two aged women made no legal fight to prevent their extradition. Mrs. Martin declined to sign the affidavit that she was the person named in the warrant of extradition until she had carefully scanned all the documents.

"This is the most important thing in my life", she said, "and I don't propose to be hasty in signing any papers."

FLAX AT RECORD PRICE.

Touched the Highest Point Ever Know—Shortage the Cause.

Minneapolis, Dec. 30.—Cash flax today touched the highest point ever known on the floor of the Chamber of Commerce when it went up to $2.09 1-2. This three and one half cents higher than May flax in Duluth, which is quoted there at $2.06.

The high price is due to the shortage of flax all over the world and particularly in the Northwest. Very little was offered at the price bid.

Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, has accepted the site at Algiers offered by the city of New Orleans to the National government for an immigration station. Congress appropriated $250,000 for the work, which will be started as soon as the necessary formalities are complied with.

INDEBTEDNESS OF CITIES.

New York City Seven Times More Than Any City in 1907.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The indebtedness of the governments of the 158 cities in the United States which, in 1907, had an estimated population of over 30,000 each, forms an interesting chapter of United States Census Bulletin 105, prepared by Division Chief E. H. Maling, under the supervision of Dr. Le Grand Powers, chief statistician in charge of the official statistics of cities. It will issue in the near future from the Government Printing Office, and Census Director Durand will submit it to Secretary Nagel of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

The "gross" debt includes the entire amount of debt obligations outstanding against a city, and is classified by division of the government of the city issuing, according to provision made for payment, and as held by the public or by funds of the city. In cities such forms of current indebtedness as outstandng warrants and outstanding judgments are not thought of as indebtedness, but in reality are such and should be included in a complete statement of indebtedness. Outstanding warrants are shown for nearly two-thirds of the cities considered, and in some of the western cities constitutes a considerable portion of the indebtedness. The "net" indebtedness includes the gross indebtedness less the sinking fund asssets, and for purposes of comparison is more significant than the gross indebtedness.

Announcement was made Tuesday that Drexel & Co., of Philadelphia, had purchased the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company's holdings of the Lehigh Valley Railroad stock, amounting to 20,000 shares. Aside from this Drexel & Co., would make no comment on the purchase.

Regular Interest Period.

At the People's Savings Bank January 1st. Deposits made on or before Monday the 3rd, will bear interest from the 1st. Dec. 31-3t

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Make a wise man's choice between the two.

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NEW ORLEANS, U. S. A.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

¶ The Latest Reports From the Important Trading Centers and From Local Dealers.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 30.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market, steady 54 1-4 cents.

ROSIN—Market steady $3.65 per barrel.

TAR—Market, firm $2.00 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $2.50 per barrel for hard; $4.00 for dip and $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 37, rosin $2.65, tar $1.70, crude turpentine $1.75 and $2.75.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine ..... (—)
Rosin ..... (—)
Tar 22
Crude turpentine 15

Receipts, same day last year 165 casks spirits turpentine; 25 barrels rosin; 15 barrels tar; 70 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Quiet 15 1-4 for middling. Quotation corresponding day last year 8 9-16c.

Receipts—1,284 bales, same day last year, 759 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith Dec. 18th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@70; extra prime, 72 1-2; fancy 75@80c; Virginia, prime 65@70; extra prime 75@80s; Spanish $1.00@$1.05.

CORN—Firm 90@95c per bushel for mixed.

N. C. HAMS—Good demand; hams 18c; shoulders 14@15; sides 14@15c.

EGGS—Good demand 27@28c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Spring 20@30; grown 35@40c; scarce.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Good demand at 2@3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDE—Dr. flint 14c; green 9c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Good demand 55@60c per bushel for new yams.

WOOL—Burr 18c.; free of burr 24c.

CHEESE—50@55 per head.

PORK—Small 10c per pound; large 9c.

SHEEP—Old no demand; Lambs, dull $1.25@$2.50.

TURKEYS—Good demand 15@16c on foot; dressed 18@22c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

New York, Dec. 30.—New high records were made in the cotton market again today with January contracts selling at 15.84 and May at 16.46 during the afternoon. The close was a little off from the best, but steady in tone, at a net advance of 2 to 10 points.

The market opened barely steady at an advance of 1 to 10 points on the general list, active months being general 5 to 12 points higher on the strength of Liverpool and covering. Realizing was very heavy early and prices worked off 3 or 4 points from the initial figures. But spot houses were buying, there was some demand from abroad and offerings on the whole were very well absorbed with prices gradually working back to the initial figures during the late forenoon. The readiness with which the market took the heavy selling much of which was attributed to the larger speculative longs, made an impression on early sellers for a "reaction before the holiday" and during the afternoon prices advanced more rapidly on covering by shorts and continued support from the big spot people. After showing a net advance of about 18 to 23 points, realizing caused moderate reactions before the close, but sentiment around the ring continued bullish and many predictions were heard of 16 1-2 cotton before the turn of the year. All three of the big contract markets will be closed on Saturday (New Year's Day). Reports that two Lancashire mills which had been closed down were resuming operations on full time helped the market during the afternoon but the chief factor was the talk of an improved trade demand, and firm southern markets which, as officially reported were 1-16 to 3-16c higher for the Friday is the first January notice day in the local market but it is reported that big spot interests are long of January and will take up whatever cotton may be tendered. There were rumors that a fire at Galveston has damaged or destroyed 2,300 bales.

Receipts at the ports today were 25,067 bales against 22,260 last week and 91,295 last year. For the week 209,000 bales against 223,582 last week and 286,777 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orleans were 10,920 bales against 16,847 last year and at Houston 3,654 bales against 13,103 last year.

Spot cotton closed quiet 20 points higher middling uplands 16.15; middling gulf 16.40.

Futures opened barely steady and closed steady.

Month.	Open.	Close.
December	15.78	15.78
January	15.75	15.79
February	15.92	15.94
March	16.05	16.10
April		16.23
May	16.30	16.39
June	16.20	16.30
July	16.27	16.40
August	15.91	15.99
September	14.81	14.79
October	14.00	13.99
November		

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Firm, 15 11-16; net receipts 7,447; stock 185,639.

New Orleans—Firm, 15 11-16; net receipts 10,920; stock 177,128.

Mobile—Firm, 15 1-2; net receipts 1,028; stock 53,879.

Savannah—Firm, 15 3-8; net receipts 1,671; stock 123,463.

Charleston—Firm, 15 1-4; net receipts 110; stock 34,632.

Wilmington—Firm, 16 3-16; net receipts 1,284; stock 18,273.

Norfolk—Quiet, 15 5-8; net receipts 1,608; stock 41,154.

Baltimore—Nominal, 15 3-4; stock 11,229.

New York—Steady, 16.15; stock 151,338.

Boston—Steady, 16.15; net receipts 17.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 16.40; stock 3,225.

San Francisco—Net receipts 922.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts 25,067; Great Britain 2,298; France 11,153; Continent 4,991; Japan 922; stock 806,467.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 147,962; Great Britain 41,144; France 24,295; Continent 70,068; Japan 1,260.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 5,035,544; Great Britain 1,384,525; France 713,686; Continent 1,506,767; Japan 25,719; Mexico 9,855.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 15 3-4; net receipts 3,654; stock 112,763.

Augusta—Steady, 15 3-4; net receipts 993; stock 76,584.

Memphis—Firm, 15 5-8; net receipts 2,138; stock 212,287.

St. Louis—Steady, 15 1-2; net receipts 534; stock 42,536.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 1,062; stock 10,993.

Little Rock—Quiet, 15; net receipts 759; stock 56,952.

Louisville—Firm, 15 5-8.

Total today—Net receipts 8,180; gross receipts 13,588; shipments 9,967; sales 6,317; stock 512,115.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET

Liverpool, Dec. 30.—Cotton: Spot moderate business done, prices 9 points higher. American middling fair 8.87; good middling 8.61; middling 8.45; low middling 8.39; good ordinary 8.13; ordinary 7.88.

The sales of the day were 10,00 bales of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 8,200 American. Receipts 37,000 bales including 27,900 American.

Futures opened firm and closed steady. December 8.28 1-2; December and January 8.28; January and February 8.29; February and March 8.32; March and April 8.34 1-2; April and May 8.36; May and June 8.37; June and July 8.37; July and August 8.35 1-2; August and September 8.08; September and October 7.58 1-2; October and November 7.34; November and December 7.23.

DICK BROS. & CO., COTTON LETTER.

New York, Dec. 30.—Cotton reached new high levels today on a variety of bullish influences. The leading bulls appeared to be taking a more aggressive stand on the buying side than they have adopted for some time. Some traders were of the opinion that they intended to press their advantage until they had reached new high levels, variously set at 16 1-2 and 17 cents, before the close tomorrow. There were plenty of legitimate influences to induce buying, however, chief among which was a strenuous spot demand with many important Southern centers, reporting spinners eager buyers at a fraction above official quotations. Trade news, while encouraging, is generally to the effect that goods are not being sold on a basis with quotations for cotton, but at the same time mills are in the market and the buying is so urgent that it partakes of the nature of a stampede. Naturally as the market works into new high levels, there is an undertone of nervousness and this becomes more apparent with each ten points advance.

DICK BROS. & CO.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 30.—The dry goods markets were quiet for the day with prices holding firm on cotton goods and yarns. Raw silk is higher with larger transactions reported at Shanghai. Dress goods are quiet and attention is directed to Fall openings due next month. Linens are strong with a further upward tendency. The Amoskeag Manufacturing Company announces that it will sell its own products beginning January 1st instead of through a commission house as heretofore.

THE STOCK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 30.—The drawing of the year towards its close was marked by characteristic developments in the financial market today. Preparations for the unprecendented disbursements of interest and dividend payments in January went forward more actively today and the restriction of money supplies which resulted in the stock market kept operations there under restraint.

There was no desire manifest to break through this restraint to depict the sentiment of hopefulness and satisfaction on the part of securities holders and to color the tone of the whole market.

The 7 per cent. rate touched for call loans marked a new high rate for the present year, comparing with the 6 per cent. maximum on several former occasions.

Further returns of railroad earnings for November continued the favorable showing of the net return for that period. The tightness of the money market conduced to the special favor shown towards low priced stocks owing to the smaller amounts required to carry blocks of those securities with commission houses. This class of securities was stimulated also by the special demand in evidence for the Wabash group which carried an impression of determined accumulation and kept alive conjectures of special developments in progress regarding those properties.

There was a certain amount of realizing going on in stocks in which past speculation has been active and this kept the price movement irregular.

Bonds were firm. Total sales, par value, were $4,279,000. United States 4s coupon advanced 1-4 per cent. on call. Total sales for the day were 679,900 shares.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 30.—Money on call strong and higher 4 1-2 to 7 per cent., ruling rate 6, closing bid 4 1-2, offered 4 1-2. Time loans easier sixty days 4 1-2 per cent., and ninety days 4 1-2. Six months 4 1-4. Prime mercantile paper 5 to 5 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange weak with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8380 to 4.8390 for sixty day bills and at 4.8790 for demand. Commercial bills 4.85 1-2 to 4.84. Bar silver 52 3-8. Mexican dollars 44.

N. Y. BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, registered	101 1-4
U. S. ref 2s, coupon	101 1-4
U. S. 3s, registered	101 3-4
U. S. 3s, coupon	101 3-4
U. S. 4s, registered	114 1-2
U. S. 4s coupon	115 1-2
Allis Chalmers 1st 5s	84 7-8
American Agricultural 5s	101 3-4
American Tel. & Tel. cv 4s	105 1-2
American Tobacco 4s	78
American Tobacco 6s	107 1-4
Armour & Co. 4 1-2s	94 3-4
Atchison gen 4s	99 7-8
Atchison cv 4s	122 1-4
Atchison cv 5s	122 1-8
Atlantic Coast Line 1st 4s	95
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	99 1-4
Baltimore & Ohio 3 1-2s	92 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio S. W. 3 1-2s	90
Brooklyn Transit cv. 4s	86 3-4
Central of Georgia 5s	109
Central Leather 5s	99
Central R. R. of N. J. gen. 5s	124 3-4
Chesapeake & Ohio 4 1-2s	103 3-8
Chesapeake & Ohio ref 5s	105
Chicago & Alton 3 1-2s	74
Chicago, B. & Q. Joint 4s	96 3-4
Chicago, B. & Q. gen. 4s	99 3-4
Chicago, Mil & t. P. gen. 3 1-2s	89 3-4
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col 4s	83 7-8
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 5s	102 3-8
Chicago, R. I. & P. Ry. rfg 4s	91 1-4
Colorado Industrial 5s	83
Colorado Midland 4s	80 1-2
Colo. Southern ref & ext 4 1-2s	98
Delaware & Hudson cv. 4s	102
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	95 1-2
Denver & Rio Grande ref 5s	94 1-4
Distillers 5s	74 3-4
Erie prio lien 4s	87
Erie Gen. 4s	76 1-2
Erie cv 4s series "A"	82
Erie cv 4s series "B"	73 3-8
General Electric cv 5s	147
Illinois Central 1st ref 4s	99 1-8
Interborough Met. 4 1-2s	88 3-8
Inter. Mere. Marine 4 1-2s	71 1-2
Japan 4s	87 1-2
Japan 4 1-2s	94 3-8
Kansas City Southern 1st 3s	72 1-2
Lake Shore deb. 4s (1931)	95 1-2
Louisville & Nash. Un 4s	100
Missouri, Kan. & Texas 1st 4s	99 1-8
Mo., Kan. & Texas gen. 4 1-2s	91 1-4
Missouri Pacific 4s	80
National Rys. of Mexico 4 1-2s	94 1-2
New York Central gen. 3 1-2s	91
New York Central deb. 4s	95 3-4
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford cv. 6s	133 3-4
Norfolk & Western 1st con. 4s	98
Norfolk & Western cv. 4s	101 1-2
Northern Pacific 4s	102 1-2
Northern Pacific 3s	74
Oregon Short Line rfdg 4s	94 5-8
Penn. cv. 3 1-2s, (1915)	96 1-2
Penn. Con. 4s	104 1-4
Reading Gen. 4s	99 1-2
St. Louis & San Fran. fg. 4s	84 3-4
St. Louis & San Fran. gen. 5s	88 3-4
St. Louis S'western con. 4s	79
St. Louis S.western 1st gold 4s	93 1-4
Seaboard Air Line 4s	85
Southern Pacific col. 4s	91 1-2
Southern Pacific cv. 4s	104 1-8
Southern P. R. R. 1st ref 4s	94 3-4
Southern Railway 5s	111 1-2
Southern Railway gen. 4s	81 3-4
Union Pacific 4s	103 1-2
Union Pacific cv 4s	116 1-4
Union Pacific 1st and ref. 4s	98
U. S. Rubber 6s	104 1-4
U. S. Steel 2nd 5s	105 1-4
Virginia Car. Chemical 5s	98 7-8
Wabash 1st 5s	112 1-4
Wabash 1st and ext. 4s	78
Western Md. 4s	85 1-4
Westinghouse Electric cv 5s	78
Western Md. 4s	85 1-4
Westinghouse Electric cv. 5s	93
Wisconsin Central 4s	93 5-8

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers pfd	32
Amalgamated Copper	90
American Agricultural	48 1-8
American Beet Sugar	46 5-8
American Can pfd	81
American Car & Foundry	72
American Cotton Oil	67 1-4
American Hide & Leather pfd	47 1-2
American Ice Securities	25 1-4
American Linseed	17 3-4
American Locomotive	60 3-4
American Smelting & Ref'ng	104
Amer. Smelting & Ref'ng pfd	111 1-2
American Sugar Refining	122 1-2
American Tel. & Tel.	143
American Tobacco, pfd	99 1-4
American Woolen	37
Anaconda Mining Co.	53 1-4
Atchison	122 5-8
Atchison pfd	103
Atlantic Coast Line	153 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio	117 7-8
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	92
Bethleham Steel	34
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	80
Canadian Pacific	181 1-4
Central Leather	48 1-4
Central Leather pfd	108 1-2
Central of New Jersey	315
Chesapeake & Ohio	88 1-2
Chicago & Alton	66 1-2
Chicago Great Western	36 1-4
Chicago & Northwestern	182
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	158 1-2
C., C. C. & St. Louis	81
Colorado Fuel & Iron	50 1-4
Colorado Southern	35 3-4
Colorado Southern 1st pfd	81 1-4
Colorado Southern 2nd pfd	80 1-4
Consolidated Gas	139 5-8
Corn Products	23 7-8
Delaware & Hudson	184
Denver & Rio Grande	51 5-8
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	84 1-2
Distillers' Securities	36 1-8
Erie	33 7-8
Erie 1st pfd	51 1-4
Erie 2nd pfd	40 1-2
General Electric	160
Great Northern pfd	143 3-8
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	81
Illinois Central	147 3-4
Interbrorough Met.	24 5-8
Interborough Met. pfd	61 3-4
Inter Harvester	117 1-2
Inter Marine pfd	23 1-2
International Paper	15 3-4
International Pump	52 1-2
Iowa Central	29 3-4
Kansas City outhern	43 5-8
Kansas City Southern pfd	71
Louisville & Nashville	157 1-2
Minneapolis & St. Louis	53 1-4
Minn. St. P. & Sault St. M.	141 1-2
Missouri Pacific	71 1-2
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	29 5-8
Missouri, Kansas & Texas, pfd	73 3-4
National Biscuit	115 1-2
National Lead	90 1-8
Nat'l Rys. of Mexico 1st pfd	62 1-8
New York Central	125 1-2
New York, Ontario & Western	49 1-4
Norfolk & Western	99
North American	84 3-8
Northern Pacific	145 1-8
Pacific Mail	42 3-4
Pennsylvania	136 7-8
People's Gas	115 3-4
Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis	98 1-8
Pressed Steel Car	52 1-4
Pullman Palace Car	189
Railway Steel Spring	51 3-8
Reading	170 5-8
Republic Steel	45 3-4
Republic Steel pfd	104
Rock Island Co.	52 1-4
Rock Island Co. pfd	91
St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd	59 3-4
St. Louis Southwestern	32 3-8
St. Louis Southwestern pfd	79 5-8
Sloss Sheffield Steel & Iron	80 1-2
Southern Pacific	134 5-8
Southern Railway	32 7-8
Southern Railway pfd	74 1-2
Tennessee Copper	40 1-4
Texas & Pacific	36 7-8
Toledo, St. Louis & West.	53 3-4
Toledo, St. Louis & West pfd	71 7-8
Union Pacific	203 3-8
Union Pacific pfd	103 1-2
United States Realty	83 1-2
United States Rubber	52 7-8
United States Steel	91 1-4
United States Steel pfd	125
Utah Copper	49 3-4
Virginia Car. Chemical	35 1-8
Wabash	27 3-8
Wabash pfd	59 5-8
Western Maryland	53 1-4
Westinghouse Electric	82 1-2
Western Union	76 3-4
Wheeling & Lake Erie	101 1-8
Wisconsin Central	48
Standard Oil Co.	668

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 30.—Flour quiet.
Rye Flour—Steady.
Buckwheat Flour—Easy.
Corn Meal—Steady.
Rye—Quiet.
Barley—Steady.
Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 1.27 1-2 elevator, domestic and 1.27 fob nominal to arrive. Options closed 2 3-4 up for December and 3-4c up for other months. December 1.28; May 1.19 1-4; July 1.19.
Corn—Spot firm; No. 2, 71 elevator; 71 1-2 delivered and 69 1-4 fob afloat nominal. Options closed unchanged. December 70 1-4; May 75 1-4.
Oats—Spot steady; mixed 47; options closed unchanged. May 50 3-8.
Lard—Steady.
Tallow—Firm.
Petroleum—Steady.
Rice—Steady.
Molasses—Steady.
Sugar—Raw steady; refined sugar quiet.
Coffee—Futures closed steady, net unchanged. Spot quiet No. 7 Rio 8 5-8 to 8 11-16; Santos No. 4, 9c; mild quiet; Cordova 9 to 11 1-2.
Butter—Steady, unchanged.
Cheese—Unchanged.
Eggs—Firm; state, Pennsylvania and nearby gathered white 36 to 42.
Potatoes—Steady, unchanged.
Cabbages—Firm; Danish seed per ton 20.00 to 22.00; domestic 12.00 to 15.00; red 28.00 to 32.
Freight and Peanuts—Unchanged.
The cotton seed oil market was quiet with sales of the day amounting to 8,800 bales. Prices were steady with light offerings and influenced by speculative long buying and support by refiners. Prices closed unchanged to 9 points advance. January 7.48 to 7.49; May 7.54 to 7.55; July 7.62 to 7.64. Prime crude 6.47 to 6.53; prime summer yellow 7.55 to 7.58; prime winter yellow 7.60 to 8.20; prime summer white 7.65 to 8.00.

THE GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Further reduction in the estimate of the amount of wheat in Argentina which will be available for export from the new crop caused considerable bullish sentiment in the wheat market here today. At the close prices showed net gains of 1-2 to 3-4c. Corn and oats were affected by the strength of wheat and closed firm. Provisions were steady.

	Opening.	Highest.	Closing.
Wheat—			
Dec.	1 18 1-8	1 19	1 18 1-2
May	1 11 7-8	1 12 3-8	1 12 1-4
July	1 02 3-8	1 02 5-8	1 02
Corn—			
Dec.	63	63	62 7-8
May	68 3-4	67	67
July	66 5-8	68 7-8	66 7-8
Oats—			
Dec.	43 5-8	44 1-2	44 1-4
May	45 7-8	45 7-8	45 7-8
July	43 3-4	43 3-4	43 3-4
Mess Pork, per bbl—			
Jan.	21 60	21 65	21 62 1-2
May	21 75	21 87 1-2	21 80
July			21 72 1-2
Lard, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	12 25	12 40	12 30
May	11 90	11 95	11 90
July	11 85	11 90	11 85
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	11 35	11 40	11 37 1-2
May	11 37 1-2	11 42 1-2	11 40
July	11 40	11 42 1-2	11 37 1-2

CHICAGO CASH GRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Cash wheat—No. 2 wheat 1.24 to 1.27; No. 3 red 1.17 to 1.25; No. 2 hard 1.17 to 1.18; No. 3 hard 1.14 to 1.15; No. 1 northern 1.17 to 1.20; No. 2 northern 1.15 to 1.17 1-2; No. 3 spring 1.12 to 1.17.

Corn—No. 3, 61 1-2; No. 2 white 61 3-4; No. 3 yellow 61 1-2 to 62; No. 4, 58 1-2 to 59; No. 4 yellow 59 to 60.

Oats—No. 2, 45 1-4; No. 2 white 45 3-4 to 46 1-2; No. 3 white 44 1-2 to 45 1-2; No. 4 white 43 to 43 1-2; standard 45 1-2 to 46.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 30.—Turpentine and rosin steady.

Charleston, Dec. 30.—Turpentine firm 55 to 55 1-4. Rosin quiet. Quote: A. B. C. 3.95; D. 4.00; E, 4.05; F, 4.10; G, 4.15; H, 4.20; I, 4.55; K, 5.65; M, 5.90; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 30.—Turpentine firm 55 1-2 to 56; sales 340; receipts 305; shipments 95. Rosin firm; sales 2,253; receipts 1,844; shipments 1,659; stocks 154,544. Quote A, B, C, 3.97 1-2 to 4.00; D, 4.02 1-2 to 4.05; E, 4.00 to 4.10; F, 4.12 1-2 to 4.15; G, 4.17 to 4.25; H, 4.20 to 4.25; I, 4.55; K, 5.65; M, 5.90; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

MARINE

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Str. Duplin, Stokes, Smith's Bridge, J. A. Munn.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 30, 1909.

W. & W. Railroad—380 bales cotton.

W., C. & A. Railroad—7231 bales cotton, 3 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—187 bales cotton, 44 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—36 bales cotton, 12 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—1,284 bales cotton, 44 barrels tar, 15 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Kenley (Br.) 2,331 tons, Wilson, Walter Smallbones, Agent.

Hyperia (Br.) 2,518 tons, Enos, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Phillip M. Brooks, 243 tons, Sanders, C. D. Mafitt.

Bethesay (Br.) 280 tons, Phipps, New York, C. D. Mafitt.

Chas. J. Dumas, 605 tons, Curtis, C. D. Mafitt.

Blanche (Br.) 165 tons, Albury, Springer Coal Company.

Lottie R. Russell, 206 tons, James, C. D. Mafitt.

Julia P. Cole, 419 tons Small, C. D. Mafitt.

Three Royal Toasts.

The "Greville Memoirs" tells this story of King William IV. of England and the Duke of Cumberland, his brother: "During dinner loud voices were heard, which soon became more vehement. Both brothers had drunk more than usual, and the duke had lost his temper and his head. Then for the first time King William suspected the idea which from that time was never out of Duke Ernest's mind—that he ought to be the next king of England should no male children survive his brother, William IV. The duke, rising, said: 'Call in the suit. I am proposing a toast. The king's health; God save the king.' The suit came in and drank it. Then the duke said, 'May I also, sir, propose the next toast?' 'Name it, your grace,' replied the king. 'The king's heir,' proudly said the duke, 'and God bless him!'

"A dead silence followed. Then the king, collecting all his energies and wits, stood up and called out, 'The king's heir; God bless her!' Then, throwing the glass over his shoulder, he turned to his brother and exclaimed, 'My crown came with a lass, and my crown will go to a lass!' Every one noticed that the duke did not drink the toast. He left the room abruptly."

A Kind Hearted Waiter.

A surprising experience was that of a lady who received a bit of advice on table etiquette. She is sufficiently free from vanity to tell the story herself. She says:

I know that I am not a person of impressive appearance. I am inclined to be short and stout and to dress plainly. Still, I had hoped that I had an air of acquaintance with polite society. But now I shall be more modest than ever in my idea of the impression I make upon strangers.

At my first meal at the hotel where I passed last summer I was pleased with the face of my waiter. It was radiant with kindliness and good nature. I began my dinner with soup and fish. As the waiter set them in front of me he glanced at the persons of fashionable appearance who were my neighbors at table. His kind heart was suddenly struck with the fear that I might make an unfortunate impression on them. He bent down and whispered in my ear:

"Eat your soup first."

A Raw Recruit.

Corporal (to town recruit on stable guard for the first time)—Now, you've got to patrol these 'ere lines an' 'ammer in any pegs that get loose an' generally look after the 'orses.

Recruit (whose knowledge of horses is of the slightest)—And what time am I to wake the horses in the mornin'?—London Tit-Bits.

Off Guard.

"How did it happen that your friends got the best of you?" queried the inquisitive person.

"They got busy while I was watching my enemies," explained the man who had got the short end of it.—Chicago News.

Simplified Spelling.

"Write me an example of simplified spelling, children," said the teacher, and Tommie wrote: "The man who carves monuments urns his living."—New York Times.

Man's great fault is that he has so many small ones.—Richter.

His One Good Trait.

Loafer—Can yer spare us a 'a'penny, mate?

Workingman—Wotcher want a 'a'penny for?

Loafer—Cos I got one, and I wants another for the price of 'arf a pint.

Workingman—Ever done a day's work in yer life?

Loafer—No, guv'nor, cawn't say as I 'ave.

Workingman—Well, yer never done a pore bloke out of a job, anyway. 'Ere's yer 'a'penny.—London Punch.

Those Useless Questions.

"Billy, did you ever pick up a live trolley wire with your bare hands?"

"Many a time."

"Didn't it give you a shock?"

"Give me a shock? It killed me dead every time."—Chicago Tribune.

Diplomacy.

"But what made you irritate her father?"

"I had to do it. I wasn't any too popular with the girl until her father forbade me the house."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

After Him.

Aunt Crabbe—I think it is my duty to tell you that I have heard from several sources that Mr. Brown is a very fast young man! Daisy—Fast as he is, I shall catch him yet, auntie!—London Fun.

Very Close.

Warden—How's the campaign going up your way? Sort of a close contest? Sellers (gloomily)—Closest I ever saw. Neither side is giving up a blamed cent.—Buffalo Courier.

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U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE, WILMINGTON, N. C., December 27, 1909. Sealed Proposals for furnishing all material for and constructing a pile and timber bulkhead in Cape Fear River opposite the city of Wilmington, N. C., will be received at this office until 12 o'clock, M., January 12, 1910, and then publicly opened. Information furnished on application. Earl I. Brown, Captain Engineers.

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We are showing the prettiest Christmas goods in the way of Hats, Gloves, Neckwear, Underwear, Sox, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Silk Suspenders, Shirts, Collars and Cuffs, Suit Cases, Bags and Trunks, Bath Robes, Pajamas and everything in Gentlemen's Wear. Give us a look before making your Christmas purchases.

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THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 31, 1909.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. Thursday, Dec. 30:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 16 degrees; 8 P. M. 24 degrees; maximum 28 degrees; minimum 16 degrees; mean 22 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, 2.50 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Thursday 4.5 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair, slightly warmer Friday. Saturday fair, warmer, light to moderate southwest to south winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 31.

Sun Rises.....7:18 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:13 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 43 min.
High water at Southport 11:17 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 2:17 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

W. B. Copper—Royal Flour.
Peterson & Rulfs—Cut Prices.
J. M. Solky & Co.—Special Sale.
Academy of Music—Four Pickerts.
John S. Ramos—Victor Typewriters.
C. W. Yates & Co.—Turner's N. C. Almanac.

Business Locals.

J. G. Wright & Son—For Sale.
For Rent—Furnished Rooms.
J. G. Wright & Son—Elegant Lot.
For Sale—L. C. Smith Typewriter.
N. C. Home Building Ass'n—Notice.
Male Stenographer—Desires Position.
People's Supply Co.—Closed Friday Afternoon.
Wanted—Position as Stenographer and Bookkeeper.

FIGHT FOR AERO RECORD.

French Aeroplanist Makes Desperate Efforts—Lathan and Farman.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The crack French aeroplanists are making desperate efforts to lower the 1909 records for distance and height before Saturday.

Latham and Farman are both at Mourmelon LeGrand, the former trying out a new motor and the latter practicing with a passenger with a view of making an attempt for the ten kilometre cross country passenger prize tomorrow.

Latham and LeGagneaux are to make a last try to beat Farman's record for the McLean cup which stands at 232 kilometres (144 miles) in four hours, 17 minutes and 35 seconds. Farman, however, is in readiness to defend his title if necessary. Count Jacques de Lesseps, son of the late Viscomte Ferdinand de Lesseps, made his second unsuccessful attempt today to win the 100 kilometre cross country prize, but broke down after covering 15 kilometres.

At Juvisy Delagrange made a flight of 200 kilometres (124 miles) in two hours, 36 minutes.

Juvisy, Dec. 30.—At the aerodrome here today in the presence of the official time keeper of the Aero Club of France, M. Delagrange, aboard a Blerlot cross channel type monoplane, beat all records for speed and established a new monoplane record. Delagrange covered a distance of 200 kilometres (124 miles) and the flight lasted exactly 2 hours. 32 minutes, making an average of 78.9 kilometres (48.9 miles) an hour.

The weather was ideal, almost Spring-like and the flight was accomplished without incident. The spectators gave the aviator an ovation on the termination of his brilliant feat. Delagrange intends to try for the Michelan cup tomorrow.

MISS LOUISE TAFT A BRIDE

Wedded to Mr. Geo. W. Snowden—President Was Present.

New York, Dec. 30.—Miss Louise Wilbridge Taft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Taft, and niece of the President, was married this afternoon in the home of her parents to George W. Snowden, of Seattle, Wash. Invitations to the ceremony were limited because of the recent death of Mrs. Horace D. Taft, an aunt of the bride.

President Taft came from Washington to attend the wedding. The President was accompanied by his daughter Miss Helen Taft and his sons Robert and Charles.

The ceremony was performed in a room decorated with palms and hung with mistletoe and holly. The bride was attended only by Miss Margaret Lowe, her school girl chum, as maid of honor. The ushers included her brothers.

The Rev. Dr. J. G. H. Barry, rector of the church of St. Mary The Virgin, performed the ceremony. Mr. Snowden, who has extensive business interests in the northwest was graduated from Sheffield Scientific School in 1895. He and his bride had been acquainted since they were children.

GOLF TOURNAMENT ENDS.

W. J. Cordon Won the President's Trophy at Pinehurst—Players.

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 30.—The sixth annual holiday golf tournament ended today with keen play.

W. J. Condon, of the Wykagil Club, of New York, won the President's trophy from his club mate, W. K. Gillett, 5 up and 4 to play. Mr. Condon beat out C. H. Hatthieson, of Ardsley in the morning and Mr. Gillett beat W. C. Johnson, of the Canoebrook Club, 3 up and 2 to play.

W. B. Tuckerman, of Chevy Chase, won the first division consolation from C. M. Brett, of Brookline, 6 up and 5 to play. A. C. Whitcomb, of Dunwoodie, won the second division trophy, C. F. Johnson, of Springfield, Ohio won the consolation; H. R. Mallinson, of New York, won the third division trophy and J. R. Towle, of the Jackson Park Club, won the consolation.

Monday, January 3rd.

All deposits made with The People's Savings Bank on or before Monday January 3rd, will bear interest from January 1st, receiving credit for Three Months Interest April 1st.

Dec 31-3t.

A Policeman's Testimony.

J. N. Patterson, night policeman of Nashua, Iowa, writes: "Last Winter I had a bad cold on my lungs and tried at least half a dozen advertised cough medicines and had treatment from two physicians without getting any benefit. A friend recommended Foley's Honey and Tar and two-thirds of a bottle cured me. I cousider it the greatest cough and lung medicine in the world." Robt. R. Bellamy.

SEVERE WEATHER

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lion dollars.

Freezing in Florida.

Jacksonville, Fla. Dec. 30.—Florida today experienced the coldest weather that has visited this section in several years, freezing weather having prevailed in Jacksonville all day. Freezing temperatures extended down into the orange belt, but up to tonight no reports have been received of any damage to the trees. It has been cold in this State for several days, which has driven the sap down in the orange trees and it is believed that they will not be killed or damaged by the freeze.

Arcadia, on the west coast, reports a temperature of 26 degrees while other towns in that section report temperatures ranging from that figure up to 30 and 32 degrees. The local weather bureau predicts a temperature of between 18 and 20 degrees tonight as low as the 26th parallel.

In Jacksonville water pipes have burst all over the city causing the water pressure in the mains to become low.

Warmer Weather Predicted.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The extreme cold which has been sweeping over the eastern section of the country from the tip of Maine to the keys of Florida is being dissipated before a rising pressure area that is moving rapidly eastward from the Mississippi valley. The first moderation will be evidenced tomorrow morning in the Plains States and the temperature will rise as the area moves towards the Atlantic.

Great concern was felt in Florida for fear that the fruit farms might suffer another destructive freeze such as the one of 1895 when the mercury dropped to 5 below zero, but the lowest temperature recorded at Tampa was 28 degrees above. The temperature reported at Norfolk today was the lowest recorded there since 1904 and all through the South reports of intense cold poured in.

DEATH IN TEXAS.

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Parker, Native of North Carolina, Passes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Garland, N. C., Dec. 30.—News was received here yesterday from Greenville, Texas, of the death at that place of Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Parker. Mrs. Parker was the widow of the late W. J. Parker, of Cypress Creek, one of the most prominent merchants who ever lived in this community. Mrs. Parker was before marriage Miss Sarah E. Owen, of Sampson county, daughter of Rev. Miles Owen, of that county. She was noted for her charming and pleasant manners. She was very industrious and faithful to home and domestic duties of every kind. The deceased was a consistent member of the Methodist church. Several years ago Mrs. Parker went to Texas to live with her only daughter, Mrs. Kate Taylor. Her death occurred there and interment will be made at Greenville today. Besides her daughter Mrs. Parker is survived by a granddaughter, Miss Eliza White, also of Greenville, Texas, and three sisters, Mrs. Margaret Brock, of Durham; Mrs. Amelia Hobbs, of Sampson, and Mrs. Martha A. Smith, of Cumberland.

MacVEAGH TO SHOW CAUSE.

Secretary of the Treasury Cited to Appear—Claims to Lind & Co.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Chief Justice Clabaugh, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, today cited Franklin MacVeagh, Secretary of the Treasury, to show cause January 7th next why a writ of mandamus should not be issued to compel him to draw warrant in settlement of claims of Lind & Co., of New York City, allowed by the auditor fo rthe Navy Department.

Lind & Co., under contract with the Navy Department, claimed demurrage to the extent of $5,583.04 for delay in loading the Nederland at Newport News in August and September, 1907, and $1,562.23 for similar delay in loading the Strathblane at Philadelphia. They declare that although the draft for the larger claim was prepared and demand made upon Secretary MacVeagh, he refused to order the necessary signatures to be attached and has refused to prepare the warrant for the smaller amount.

LARNED STILL CHAMPION

Lawn Tennis Sportsman in a Class by Himself—Other Players.

New York, Dec. 30.—The annual of the lawn tennis players of the United States for the past season was issued today. William A. Larned, the National Champion, again stands at the top, in a class by himself.

In the remainder of the list the work of the ranking committee came as a surprise although in its main features the singles list, always the most important, is regarded as the best that has ever been tabulated. The unexpected happened when Wallace F. Johnson, University of Pennsylvania, found himself in third place N. W. Niles, of Harvard, and R. D. Little complete the small but honored group at the top.

H. H. Hackett and F. B. Alexander, National champions, lead the doubles. As challengers, M. E. McLoughlin and G. J. Janes follow with the Harvard pair Niles and Debney next.

Altogether 93 players were ranked in singles.

DR. HOLLAND PASSES.

Well Known Clergyman and Author, Dies of Pneumonia.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Holland, aged 65, clergyman and author, died today of pneumonia. For 30 years he was rector emeritus of St. George's Episcopal Church of St. Louis. His "Commonwealth of Man" was a reply to "The Man With the Hoe". He had been a pastor in Chicago and Trenton, N. J.

Dr. Holland was born in Nashville, Tenn., and at 18 was chaplain in the Confederate army. He was at first a Methodist preacher but was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in 1871.

He left the active ministry three years ago and became a lecturer at the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tenn. He was preaching in Baltimore when he changed his faith.

"Which Bible" by Dr. Holland, an attack on the revised translation of the Bible, was read by ministers and laymen throughout the country.

FIRE AT JOHNSON CITY.

Entire Building Destroyed Including the Elks' Home—Loss $50,000.

Johnson City, Tenn., Dec. 30.—Fire today destroyed the Ambrust Smith building here entailing a loss of probably $50,000, partially covered by insurance.

The Elks' home and many offices were located in the building.

The blaze was in the heart of the business district and required strenuous fighting to prevent a conflagration.

BIG SUIT FOR SALVAGE.

Steamer Bay State Seeking $30,000 For Bringing Her Into Port.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 30.—A libel of $30,000 salvage was today filed against the whaleback barge Badger lost by the steamer Bay State from Boston to Newport News, and yesterday towed into Hampton Roads by the Dutch steamer Saramacca which picked her up at sea.

The libel is filed by P. J. G. Cander Est., master of the Saramacca.

Major Iredell E. Bryan, a pioneer citizen of Clarkton, Ga., and a Confederate veteran, died at his home yesterday after a lingering illness. Major Bryan was the husband of Mary E. Bryan, a well known Southern authoress. He was 67 years old.

WHEN you say good candy, you naturally think NUNNALLY'S. The name has been well known to stand for the best for twenty-five years. Other makes of candy come and go, but NUNNALLY'S is the permanent standard of excellence. Always sold fresh, and every box generously assorted.

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"FOR SALE CHEAP—One slightly used L. C. Smith typewriter; party leaving town and wishes to make quick cash sale. R. W. W. No. 225 Market street." de 31 1t

NOTICE STOCKHOLDERS—Saturday, January 1st, being a legal holiday stockholders of the North Carolina Home Building Association will please pay their dues on Monday, January 3rd, as the office will be closed January 1st. No fines will be charged. Those who prefer paying today (Friday) may do so. James H. Taylor, Jr., secretary and treasurer. de 31 1t

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